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Source Material for a History of the Freedom Movement in India

MAHATMA GANDHI

Volume III

(Parts - I to III Edited by Prof. N. R. Phatak
Parts - IV to VII Edited by Dr. B. G. Kunte)

KHILAFAT MOVEMENT

(1920 to 1921)

Volume X

(Edited by : Dr. K. K. Chaudhari)

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
MUMBAI

(Collected from the Maharashtra State and Government of India Records)

PROLOGUE

I am very glad to bring out the e-Book Edition (CD version) of Source Material for a History of the Freedom Movement. This e-book edition is facsimile reproduction of already published volumes.

So far twelve volumes are published under this series. They contain valuable data regarding India's struggle for freedom. These volumes form an important source for the scholars, historians who are interested in studying different phases and dimensions of the freedom movement. The material is collected from Government's secrete and confidential official records. Thus, these volumes have made available that information which was so far not easily accessible to the scholars.

Considering utility of these volumes, need was felt to preserve this treasure of knowledge. In this age of modernization, information and technology have become key words. To keep pace with the changing need of hour, I have decided to bring out a CD version of these volumes. I am sure, scholars and studious persons across the world will find these CDs immensely beneficial.

This CD contains total seven parts of Volume III, "Mahatma Gandhi" published within the span of 12 years, that is, from 1965-1977 and Volume X, "Khilafat Movement (1920-1921)" published in 1991. First three parts of Volume III were edited by Prof. N.R. Phatak, and the rest four parts were edited by Dr. B. G. Kunte; where as, Volume X was edited by Dr. K.K.Chaudhari.

I am thankful to the Honourable Minister, Shri. Ashokrao Chavan (Industries and Mines, Cultural Affairs and Protocol), and the Minister of State, Shri. Rana Jagjitsinh Patil (Agriculture, Industries and Cultural Affairs), Shri Bhushan Gagrani, (Secretary, Cultural Affairs) Department, Government of Maharashtra for being a constant source of inspiration.

Place: Mumbai

Dr. Arunchandra S. Pathak

Date: 31 March 2007

Executive Editor and Secretary

PREFACE

IN January 1953 the Government of India appointed a Board of Editors for the compilation of a History of the Freedom Movement in India. In order to secure the material on which a history should be based, the Board requested the State Governments to set up Committees for the purpose of collecting, within their regions, such material as may be useful in the preparation of an account of the struggle for freedom which may be said to have begun after the loss of that freedom and which ended with the achievement of Independence on 15th August 1947. The Government of Bombay accordingly set up, in November 1953, the 'Bombay State Committee for a History of the Freedom Movement in India'.

The Government of Bombay threw open to the Committee all its records and files, including Confidential and Secret files, in all departments, covering the period up to 1947. As it was the desire of the Central Board of Editors that the work of collecting material should be completed as soon as possible, the efforts of the Committee were mainly directed towards obtaining relevant information from the valuable Government documents most of which had never before been accessible to the public.

The Committee decided that the year 1818 which saw the defeat of the last Peshwa should be taken as the starting point of the period for which information had to be gathered. The one hundred and thirty years from 1818 to 1947 naturally lent themselves to the following three divisions :

- (1) 1818-85 (Till the establishment of the Indian National Congress).
- (2) 1885-1920 (Till the starting of the Non-Co-operation Movement).
- (3) 1920-47 (Till the achievement of Independence).

The Committee gathered information bearing on each of these periods confining its attention mostly to what was available in Government files in the Records Office, the Police Department and the Home Department of the Secretariat. No attempt was made to explore non-official sources of information excepting a few newspapers. Interviews with a few important persons who were directly or indirectly connected with some movement or another in the cause of national regeneration and freedom were taken and statements of most of the persons were recorded. Copies of such material as had all-India importance, were sent to the Board of Editors, New Delhi.

The Central Board of Editors was dissolved in December 1955. But in view of the fact that some material available to the Bombay Committee was still to be scrutinized the tenure of that Committee was extended to 30th September 1956 on which date it was dissolved.

The Committee made a recommendation to the Government that important and suitable extracts from the papers scrutinized by the Committee's Office should be published by the Government so that they could serve as an authentic source material to the students of history who may be interested in the subject. Government were pleased to accept the recommendation and though the Committee was dissolved on 30th September 1956, the tenure of its office was extended beyond that date.

The Office of the Committee ceased to be treated as a separate office with effect from 1st January 1973 and the staff sanctioned for that office was transferred to the Gazetteers Department. Dr. B. G. Kunte, the Executive Editor and Secretary, Gazetteers Department was made responsible for the completion of pending work relating to the History of Freedom Movement in India.

The first two volumes of the Source Material for a History of the Freedom Movement in India were brought out by the late Prof. M. R. Palande, Executive Secretary and were published in 1957 and 1958, respectively, the first covering the period from 1818 to 1885 and the second from 1885 to 1920.

Prof. N. R. Phatak took charge of this work as the Executive Secretary in 1958. Under the guidance of Prof. N. R. Phatak and Shri H. M. Joshi, Research Officer, the office of the Maharashtra State Committee for a History of the Freedom Movement in India, collected voluminous material on different topics for the period from 1920 to 1947. But the office mainly concentrated its attention on the material that was lying in the Government records, on Mahatma Gandhi, most of it from Secret and Confidential files, which were not available to students of Gandhiji's life. It was proposed to publish this material first, and the third volume of the Source Material for a History of the Freedom Movement in India was therefore called Mahatma Gandhi Volume. So far this department has published five parts of Volume III.

As at present planned by the Gazetteers Department there will be seven parts in the series. Of these, five are published and the sixth part is now being published.

My thanks are due to the Home Department, the Commissioner of Police, the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, the Inspector-General of Prisons, the Director and the staff of the Directorate of Archives and Archaeology and the Government of Maharashtra for giving all facilities to consult and to use extracts from the confidential records.

My thanks are due to Shri K. K. Chaudhari, M.A., Joint Editor ; Dr. V. N. Gurav, M.A., Ph.D. Statistical Officer ; Shri M. H. Ranade, B.A., Superintendent and Shri P. N. Narkhede, M.Com. ; Smt. N. S. Alawani, B.A. ;

Shri S. K. Khilare, B.Com., LL.B. ; Smt. M. S. Modikhane, M.A. ; Shri N. R. Patil, M.Com., and Shri B. N. Phatak, M.A., Research Assistants as also the other staff members of the department for their valuable assistance in the preparation and the publication of this volume.

Shri S. A. Sapre, Director, Government Printing, Stationery and Publications, Bombay and Shri R. B. Alva, Manager, Government Central Press, Bombay as also the other staff of the Directorate deserve my special thanks for the execution of the printing work of this volume.

Many are the officials and non-officials without whose help the work would have been difficult. To them all my thanks are due.

Bombay :
April 12, 1975

B. G. KUNTE
Executive Editor and Secretary

INTRODUCTION

THIS is Part VI of the Third Volume of the Maharashtra State publication in the series of the Source Material for a History of the Freedom Movement in India in the series of Mahatma Gandhi as depicted in the Government records. The period covered is upto August 1933.

Part I of this Volume covers the period from Gandhiji's arrival in India in the year 1915 upto 1922. This period, as reflected from the Government records, showed the gradual rise of Gandhiji in the leadership. Part II covers the period from 1922 to 1929, the period during which Mahatmaji was arrested and sentenced to imprisonment for six years. The next part i.e. Part III covers the period from 1929 to 1931 and deals with the famous Salt Satyagraha by Mahatmaji at Dandi. Part IV covers the period from 1931 to 1932. This part touches Gandhiji's participation in the Round Table Conference at London, his subsequent return to India and his imprisonment in the Yeravda Central Prison. The next part i.e. Part V covers the year 1932 when Mahatmaji was in prison and had resorted to fast. His efforts towards achieving unity amongst Hindu, Muslim and Sikh Communities and towards the eradication of untouchability are eloquently reflected in this part.

The present Volume covers the period upto August 1933. During this period Mahatmaji was behind the bars and had undertaken fast. He had carried on most of his correspondence from the jail itself. Reference is also found in the volume to the names of persons who either sought interviews with Mahatma Gandhi or who were called for interview by Mahatmaji. This part also contains a number of letters addressed by Kasturba, even when she was in prison.

Late Shri Appasaheb Patwardhan from the Ratnagiri jail and the late Shri Shankarrao Deo and Shri Shantilal Shah from the Nasik Jail sought the Government permission to do the scavengers' work in the respective jails. On the rejection of the permission sought, Shri Appasaheb Patwardhan went on a hunger strike. Mahatmaji also began his sympathetic fast and suspended it for a time pending decision of the Inspector-General of Prisons regarding Mr. Patwardhan's request. The Government considered that prisoners cannot ask for a particular work as a matter of right, while Gandhiji

thought it imperative to safeguard the rights of political prisoners. This dialogue between the Government and Gandhiji is extremely revealing.

Besides Gandhiji's letters and telegrams (regarding the abovementioned subjects), the Volume contains extracts from the Home Department files giving comments on the permissions sought by Gandhiji for interviews, etc., and Gandhiji's stubborn fight for establishing the rights of political prisoners.

B. G. KUNTE
Executive Editor and Secretary

HOME DEPARTMENT

No. C. 93 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 30th January 1933

Returned with compliments through the Superintendent, Ahmedabad Central Prison.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

List of persons who desire interview with Mr. Gandhi

1. Miss. Lilavati Munshi, Bombay.*
2. Mr. V. D. Nagarkar, Poona.
3. Mr. S. K. Vaidya, Bombay.
4. Miss Amtus Salam, Bombay.*
5. Lady Pramlila Vithaldas Thackersey, Poona.*
6. Mrs. Krishna Hutheesing, Bombay.*
7. Mr. Shantikumar N. Morarjee, Bombay.*
8. Mrs. Gosiben Captain.*
9. Dr. K. V. Thakkar, Poona.*
10. Mr. A. V. Thakkar, Poona.*
11. Mr. Narayanswami, Homoeopath, Tippirajapuram, Kumbakonam.
12. Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee, Wanlesswadi.*
13. Dr. Krishna Varma, Malad.
14. Mr. Pashabhai Patel, Bombay.*
15. Mr. Bhanumati Patel, Bombay.*
16. Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Bombay.*
17. Mr. Chamanlal, Delhi.
18. Dr. H. M. Desai, Ahmedabad.
19. Mr. V. V. Jerajani, Bombay.*
20. Mr. G. D. Birla, Bombay.*
21. Horace G. Alexander, Poona.*
22. Mr. Hansa Mehta, Bombay.*
23. Mr. Suryaprakash. Advocate, Bareilly. (to S. G. Bombay).
24. Mr. Kantilal H. Gandhi.*
25. Mr. Surendra Mashruwala.*
26. Mrs. Surendra Mashruwala.*
27. Mr. Kuverji Parekh.*
28. Mr. Madhavdas Kapadia.*
29. Mr. Samaldas Gandhi, wife and three children.*
30. Mr. Nanji K. Mehta, Poona.*
31. Mrs. Maniben C. Nanavati and Son (Jagdish).*
32. Mr. B. F. Bharucha, Poona.*

* Have been granted interviews by Government.

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33. Mrs. Lakshmibai Vaidya, Poona.*
 34. Mrs. Jayashri Raiji.*
 35. Mr. Kamalesh.*
 36. Mr. Richard Symon, Poona.*
 37. Mrs. Sumati Shantikumar Morarjee.*
 38. Mrs. Mathuradas Tricumjee, Wanlesswadi.*
 39. Mr. Keshav Gandhi's wife and his mother.*
 40. Mrs. Sucheta Devi Kripalani, Bombay.*
 41. Mr. K. M. Munshi and Mrs. Sarala Devi Chaudhary.*
 42. Mrs. Gokiben, Rajkot, Mr. Gandhi's sister.*
 43. Shrimati Kusumbehn H. Desai, Bombay.*
 44. Mr. K. Shrinivasan, Editor, *The Hindu*, Bombay.*
 45. Mrs. Pushpa Mashruwala, Bombay.*
 46. Mr. Himatlal N. Khira and Mrs. Jayabai Himatlal Khira.*
 47. Mr. Pratap Dialdas, Bombay.*
 48. Mr. Mohan Parikh.*
 49. Mr. P. Subbarayan, Bombay.*
 50. Mrs. Nirmalaben Bakubhai and her mother, Mr. Chimanlal Nagindas.*
 51. Mrs. Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Bombay.*
 52. Mr. Fram Pocha, Jerabai Poeha, Mrs. Byram Khambata, Pesi Pocha, Dorabji Pocha and Shirin Pocha.*
 53. Mr. Shantikumar Narottam Morarjee, Bombay—for repeated interview.*
 54. Miss Anusuya Sarabhai, Poona—for repeated interview.*
 55. Mr. Shankarlal G. Banker, Poona—for repeated interview.*
 56. Mr. Manilal Revashankar Jagjivan, Bombay.*
 57. Mrs. Gomatibehn Mashruwala and Mrs. Lilavati Asar, Poona.
 58. Mrs. Suvratadevi Ramnarain, Bombay.*
 59. Mr. A. Subbiah, Matunga.*
 60. Mrs. Nila Kantilal (nee Durga Dalbahadur Giri of Nepal).*
 61. Mr. Walchand Hirachand, Bombay.*
 62. Mrs. Madhuribai Kara, Bombay.*
 63. Mr. Dadubhau P. Desai, Bombay.*
 64. Mrs. Subbarayan, Mrs. Ambujammal and Mrs. Janammal, Bombay.*
 65. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Mehta, Andheri.*
 66. Messrs. R. D. Birla, G. D. Birla and family members, Bombay.*
 67. Mr. Ratilal Desai, Bombay.*
 68. Mr. B. F. Bharucha, Bombay.*—for repeated interview.
 69. Mrs. Ramiben Morarjee Kamdar, Bombay.*
 70. Mr. Mohanlal A. Parikh and Mrs. Champabehn Mohanlal Parikh.*
 71. Dr. A. C. Das, Bombay.*
 72. Mr. Narendra P. Nathwani, his wife Bhanumati N. Nathwani and his sister-in-law Bharti Nathwani.*
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* Have been granted interviews by Government.

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73. Mr. and Mrs. Ratindranath Tagore.*
 74. Mr. M. A. Bari, Bombay.*
 75. Mrs. Vasantben Patel and Chandrakant Patel.*
 76. Mrs. Taraben Jhaveri and Dwarkadas Jhaveri—for repeated interview.
 77. Mr. Jaychandra Sheth.*
 78. Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, her daughters Mrs. Sarla J. Seth, Miss Usha Munshi and Miss Kalpalata Munshi.*
 79. Mr. Jivandas G. Sampat, his wife Laxmibai and her sister Maniben and his four children.*
 80. Mr. Kanti Gandhi's maternal aunt and her three boys.*
 81. Mr. Ranchoddas Goculdas and Dr. Poonsey Hirji Meisheri.*
 82. Mr. Dilkhush B. Diwanji.*
 83. Miss Jayabai A. Gandhi and Mr. Jaisukhlal A. Gandhi.*
 84. Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Nanabhai Mashruwala.*
 85. Mr. G. Ramchandra Rao.*
 86. Mr. A. V. Thakar, Poona*—for more interviews.
 87. Mr. Jayanand N. Khira, his wife Hemkunwar J. Khira and his youngest brother Amritlal N. Khira.*
 88. Mr. Parmanand K. Kapadia, his wife and his youngest daughter Gitanjali. *
 89. Aruna, Bindu and Kanta 3 daughters of Mrs. Maniben C. Nanavati.*
 90. Mr. Gajanan Desai and others.*
 91. Mr. Anand T. Hingorani and 14 persons referred to in the margin.*
 92. Mr. Kunverji V. Mehta and the other persons (4) mentioned in the margin.*
 93. Mr. Maneklal A. Mehta and his seven family members.*
 94. Sri. Bindumati Gandhi, Dr. Miss T. M. Gandhi, Sri. Rukminidevi Bazaz, Sj. Benarasilal Bazaz.*
 95. Mrs. Nandini Khatau, Poona.*
 96. Miss Gladys Owen, Bombay.*
 97. Reverend Father Lash, Bombay.*
 98. Professor Tan Yu Shan, Poona.*
 99. Mrs. Sunderbai Hansaraj Pragji Thackersey, Mrs. Premaben P. Asher and Lilabai Lalji.*
 100. Mrs. Uma Gandhi, her husband and her three children.*
 101. Mrs. Morarjee and her two daughters.*
 102. Mr. Rameshwarprasad Nevatia and Mr. Prahladrai Poddar.
 103. Mr. Chandrashankar P. Shukla, Bombay.*
 104. Mr. Buddhsen Darbar, Poona.*
 105. Mr. Dilipkumar Rathi, Poona.*
 106. Mrs. Lilavati Munshi's son Jagdish.*
 107. Mr. Hemendra B. Divanji, Mrs. Harshada Divanji, Mr. Abhimanyu H. Divanji and Hansa Kataria.*
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* Have been granted interviews by Government.

No. S.D. 21
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 3rd January 1933

From R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a letter addressed to Mr. Gandhi by Mr. Venkataramiah of Sosale (Mysore) and to state that it should be dealt with in accordance with the rules.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.)
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

FIRGROVE,
Simla, 4th January 1933

From Rai Bahadur Mohanlal,
Advocate ;

To The Home Secretary to Bombay Government,
Bombay.

Dear Sir,

I want to pay my respects to Mahatma Gandhiji and shall be obliged if I am given the necessary permission. I assure you that I will have no talk on politics, but my visit would be confined to my paying respects and seeking Mahatma Gandhiji's advice as how to remove untouchability in the Punjab. In Punjab the problem of untouchability is not very serious, but whatever there is it requires a serious consideration of those who are interested in it.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) MOHAN LAL.

My address :—

P. O. Garli,
District Kangra.

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No. Confl. 98 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir.

I have the honour to send herewith a list of visitors who interviewed State prisoner Mahatma Gandhi regarding ' Untouchability' from 27th December 1932 to 2nd January 1933 :

Date	Name of the visitor
27th December 1932.	N. K. A. Shastri.
	A. B. Dhruva.
	S. G. Banker.
	Pyarelal.
	Devdas Gandhi.
	Vishwanath Sharma.
	Indira Raman.
	Bhagwandas.
	Laxman Shastri Joshi.
	K. L. Daftari.
	Vamanbuva Brahmachari.
	Swami Kevalananda.
	H. G. Phatak.
	V. G. Sahasrabudhye.
	S. G. Patel.
	N. D. S. Captain.
	S. P. Jeejeebhoy.
	Jamnabehan Purshottam.
	Kamla Sonawala.
	Kasturba Gandhi.
	Balkrishna Kalelkar.
	C. K. Nair.
	G. S. Narasinhachari.

Date	Name of the visitor
28th December 1932.	N. K. A. Shastri. A. B. Bruva. C. Rajgopalachari. Pyarelal. Kasturba Gandhi. S. G. Banker. Madhavan Nair. Kellappan. Devdas Gandhi. Ranchhoddas. Balkrishna. Bhagwandas. Indira Raman. Vishvanath Sharma. Laxman Shastri Joshi. V. G. Sahasrabudhye. K. L. Daftari. H. G. Phatak. Swami Kevalananda. Indira Raman. Krishnalal. K. S. Gidwani. C. S. Jetley. C. R. Kripalani. Narhari Dattatraya Walimbe. Motilal Roy. Arun Ch. Dutt. Khagendranath Bose.
29th December 1932.	N. K. A. Shastri. C. Rajgopalachariar. Krishnalal. Pyarelal. Kasturba Gandhi. S. G. Banker. K. Kellappan. Motilal Roy. Khagendranath Bose. Arun Ch. Dutta. Bhagwandas.

Date	Name of the visitor
29th December 1932— <i>contd.</i>	Vishvanath Sharma. Indira Raman. Padmaja Naidu. Raj Saheb Bhadri. Rani Saheb Bhadri. Bhagwati Charan. Laxman Shastri Joshi. K. L. Daftari. H. G. Phatak. V. G. Joshi. C. V. Vaidya. K. T. Sule. Ram Narayan. Vaman Buva Brahmachari. N. B. P. V. Sheshu Iyyer. Prof. V. B. Naik. Mrs. Annapurna Subramhanya. P. S. Gopalan.
30th December 1932.	N. K. A. Shastri. Jitendra Narain Sen. Urmila Devi. Ravenashi Amritlal. Harshadlal Amritlal. Mrs. Motigauri Amritlal. Miss Rama Amritlal. Mrs. Pushpa H. Amritlal. Jamnadas K. Gandhi. Laxman Shastri Joshi. H. G. Phatak. Bhagwandas. R. N. Datar. K. L. Daftari. V. G. Sahasrabudhye. Motilal Roy. Khagendra Nath Bose. V. B. Davre. Keshav Dutt Maharaj. Arun Ch. Dutt. Kashinath Ramchandra Dhurandhar. K. C. Marathye. K. Kelappan. Krishnalal. C. Rajgopalachariar.

Date	Name of the visitor
30th December 1932— <i>contd.</i>	S. G. Banker. Pyarelal. Kasturba Gandhi.
31st December 1932.	N. K. A. Shastri. S. G. Banker. Pyarelal. Bhagwandas. N. H. Purandare. Vishvanath Sharma. N. J. Potnis. Indira Raman. Param Hansa Pradnyaneshwara Yati. C. Rajgopalachariar. Laxman Shastri Joshi. H. G. Phatak. V. C. Sahasrabudhye. K. L. Daftari. Kasturba Gandhi. Jitendra Nath Sen. Urmila Devi. G. R. Kadalgiar. M.B. Damle. B. R. Kadalgiar. Mahalingappa Shrishailappa Pattanshetti. Motilal Roy. Arun Ch. Dutt. Khagendra Nath Bose. K. Kellappan.
1st January 1933. Sunday.	N. K. A. Shastri.
2nd January 1933.	Hanuman Prasad. Shivramadi Vaidya. G. B. Mishra. Urmila Devi. Padmaja Naidu. Jitendra Nath Sen. Laxman Shastri Joshi. H. G. Phatak. D. K. Gosavi.

Date	Name of the visitor
2nd January 1932— <i>contd.</i>	B. K. Patwardhan. S. Sahrati. P. S. Gopalan. N. K. A. Shastri.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.)..... ,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

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No. S.D. 77
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 7th January 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;
To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to the endorsement in the Political Department No. C./ 16608-B dated the 19th December 1932 I am directed to forward herewith a letter addressed to Mr. Gandhi by the Consul for Spain at Bombay, and to state that it should be passed for delivery.

I have the honour etc.,
(Sd.) ,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

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No. 7 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th January 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent of Yeravda Central Prison for delivery to Mr. Gandhi.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. Confl. 101 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th January 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

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No. Confl. 99 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th January 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government of Bombay.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.).....,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Bombay, 10th January 1933,

To
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison,
Poona.

Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith a railway receipt for dates. Kindly oblige me by taking delivery of the parcel and delivering the same to Mahatma Gandhi. It contains only dates. Hoping to be obliged by you.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) PYARELAL GUPTA,
207, Kalbadevi Road,
Bombay-4.

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No. Confl. 102 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th January 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from Nageshwarrao, Narsapur, and to enquire whether the same may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.).....,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

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Letter No. S.D. 140 dated 10th January 1933 from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, to the Inspector-General of prisons, Bombay Presidency.

With reference to your letter No. 10 dated the 9th January 1933, forwarding for disposal a letter dated the 7th instant from Mr. Gandhi in which he asks for permission to issue a statement to the press for the guidance of Congressmen in their choice between civil disobedience, untouchability work, I am directed to request that you will inform Mr. Gandhi that his letter only reached Government today and that a definite reply will be sent very shortly.

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No. 22 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 11th January 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for further disposal with reference to his Confidential No. 99 dated 7th January 1933.

(Sd.).....,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

Jailor,
Withhold this telegram. Send to Inspector-General of prisons for orders tomorrow.

(Sd.).....,
(Bhandari.)

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No. S.D. 175
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th January 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I am directed to return herewith the telegram dated 9th January 1933 from Nageshwarrao, Narsapur, to Mr. Gandhi which accompanied your letter No. 20 dated 10th January 1933 and to state that it may be passed for delivery.

I have etc.,
(Sd.).....
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

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No. 23 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 12th January 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for information and necessary action with reference to his Confidential No. 102 dated 10th January 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt-Col., I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return.

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No. 106 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 13th January 1933

R. W. C. retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.).....,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Of late several Congressmen have been to me and told me that there is much suppressed talk among them about my action in setting up an agitation against untouchability from within the prison walls and that they do not know whether to prosecute civil disobedience or to take an active part in the campaign against untouchability. I do not wonder at the question. All I have been able to tell these questioners is this : " For me there is nothing inconsistent in my conduct. It would be foolish, if not sinful, for me if I did not use all the talents that my Master has given me, whenever I have the opportunity for their use. I have used all the talents I have for civil disobedience. I found that I have also talents for the service of Harijans which I could use, and I am using them. In doing so I have abated nothing from my existing *dharma* or obligation. I have added service of the untouchables into it. I had therefore no question before me of making a choice. With those who are outside prison walls the case, I know, is different. Those who are civil resistors have to decide whether to continue civil disobedience or to take up anti-untouchability work. This is a question I cannot decide for them. I am constitutionally unfit having entered the prison gates to guide the movement of civil disobedience in any shape or form. And even if I thought otherwise, I must not guide it

as I have bound myself in honour not to take advantage of the considerable latitude given to me regarding untouchability by directly or indirectly and secretly or openly guiding the movement. Everyone therefore has to take his or her decision without reference to me."

Having adopted this attitude, I have refused to guide even my wife and my son. My appeal for the removal of untouchability lies to every caste Hindu, be he Congressman or other. For the resolution of Bombay arrived at during the fast week pledges the honour of every Hindu to remove untouchability, so far as he or she is personally concerned and to induce his or her neighbours to do likewise. The first part is a mere mental performance accompanied by personal conduct wherever corresponding action is called for. The second, that is, the propaganda part, requires every one to make the choice between propaganda and his or her present work, where the former cannot be added to the latter.

Congressmen who are Civil Resisters are undoubtedly presented with a conundrum : but that would be only if they would make the vain effort of reading my mind. I think I have made it clear that I have no mind whatsoever for them. When I decided to conduct the untouchability campaign from within the prison, I had not civil resisters in my mind as such, but I had the whole of Hindu society. If that whole fails to respond, civil resisters alone cannot remove the age-long evil. But a civil resister may well feel a special call for doing untouchability work, or he or she may think that there is no disciplined resistance left in him or her, or that the spirit of resistance is played out, or even that there is no such thing as civil resistance and that all resistance is necessarily uncivil or incivil.

It is obvious that I can offer no useful guidance in the consideration of these problems. These are all matters for those who are outside to judge. If many are filled with doubts, let them confer together and come to a decision as to the proper course to take. Those who have no doubt may be reminded of the celebrated Sanskrit verse whose exact equivalent perhaps is to be found in the equally celebrated English proverb " Much wants more and loses all."

M. K. GANDHI

Yeravda Central Prison,
14th January, 1933.

No. S.D. 173

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 11th January 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

H. S. L. Polak, Esquire,
C/o The Servants of India Society, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 16th December 1932 to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay and your subsequent letter without date to the Private Secretary to His Excellency, I am directed to inform you that Government have no objection to your having an interview with Mr. Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 174

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 11th January 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letters to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to—

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency,
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.).....,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Letter No. S.D. 156, dated the 11th January 1933, from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, (Political) to Rai Bahadur Mohan Lal, M.L.C., P.O. Garli, district Kangra.

" With reference to your letter dated the 4th instant requesting an interview with Mr. Gandhi, I am directed to inform you that you should write to the Superintendent of the Yeravda Central Prison in the matter direct."

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 11th January 1933

Copy, with copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 590 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th January 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and necessary action.

(Sd.).....,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.
Visapur Temporary Prison,
Visapur, 12th January 1933.

Most Revered Bapuji,

Your letter dated the 7th inst., sending us all your benedictions was duly to hand. We are all really very much gratified to receive your letters. Your letter written before the Christmas has not been received. Sjt. Balwant Singh also has not received any letter from you, in reply to his questions, which as is mentioned in your letter has been forwarded to him by you. He has been asked to rewrite the queries and send them to you.....Bhai Haribhau has read your letter. He is not now going on fast. It is true that he is very anxious to do the Kunda (conservancy) work, but that he had given notice to the jail authorities, that he would go on fast from the 9th inst., in case he is not allowed to do 'kunda' work, is not true. That was a wrong information and publication. Your reply has given him satisfaction. All of us are doing well here. While those who complete their terms go out others transferred from different prisons, come in at short intervals. We are having good experience of the life here. Spinning and study are going on as usual, morning and evening prayers are said as usual. Rainy season being over we are not harassed by malaria and other diseases. Weather now is cold and dry hence the general health of the population here is comparatively better. Sjt. Godsheji is fast improving in his health ; and he is discharged from the hospital. He is getting proper diet as well as necessary treatment. Other patients are also regaining their health. We have come to know that Sjt. Rohit Mehta is to be taken to Poona for special treatment. He is also progressing. Kaka Saheb had been here yesterday for interview.

Rasik Jayanti and others are doing quite well ; and so also Sjt. Bhogilal, Pandyaji, Divanji, Rawjibhai, Kalayanji, Wamanrao, Gokulbhai Bhatt and others. All of them convey their 'pranamas' (homage) to you.

We are pleased to know that your health is quite good. Convey our ' Vandan ' (Salutations) to revered Vallabhbai, Sjt. Mahadeobhai, Chhaganlal Joshi and others.

Yours,
(Sd.) FULCHAND BAPUJI SHAH.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 105 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 12th January 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a list of visitors in duplicate who interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi on untouchability from 3rd January 1933 to 9th January 1933.

Date	Name of the visitor
3rd January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri.
	R. R. Bhole.
	B. L. Jadhav.
	D.G. Jadhav.
	T. R. Ghodke.
	T. B. Bhosale.
	R. L. Jadhav.
	A. V. Shastri.
	R. Shastri.
	K. S. Shivram.
	Urmila Devi.
	Jitendra Nath Sen.
	G. K. Patil.
	Shivaramadi Vaidya.
	Mrs. Shakuntala Walvekar.
	M. G. Panse.
	P. Tarkaratnam.
4th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri.
	Mohanlal Odhyaji.

Date	Name of the visitor
4th January 1933— <i>contd.</i>	P. S. Gopalan. Bankimchandani Sharma. Girdhari Prasad. A. V. Thakkar. P. L. Mujumdar. A. B. Ragswami. A. N. Lalitadevi. Laxman Shastri Joshi. K. S. Gokhale. H. G. Phatak. Y. K. Sovani. S. P. Mehendale.
5th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. Narahari B. Parikh. Vaikunth L. Mehta. K. J. Chitalia. Laxmibai Jagmohandas. Damubhai Vaidya. H. G. Phatak. G. B. Nirantar. Laxman Shastri Joshi. N. H. Purandare. P. N. Rajbhoj. D. N. Shiknare. P. S. Gopalan.
6th January 1933.	Kiki Lalwani. Chhabildas Lalwani. Aliben Pocha. Girdhari Kirpalani. Narahari Parikh. Kaka Kalelkar. N. T. Joshi. P. S. Gopalan. J. S. Haggi. Ganpat T. Joshi. Y. R. Shinde. Anasuya Pashankar. Sushilabai Batane. Gita Batane. Raje Babu. K. G. Pashankar. S. G. Batane.

Date	Name of the visitor
7th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. A. V. Thakkar. Ramanlal. R. Shastri. K. S. Shivaram. V. G. Phatak. S. K. Nalavde. Kaka Kalelkar. Narahari Parikh. R. V. Patwani. Dalpatram Dave. Anusuya Dave. H. G. Phatak. D. W. Young. S. A. Wickemasingbe. G. L. Gokhale. L. G. Young. P. S. Gokhale. D. R. Upasak. Bhogilal Jaini. P. C. Asar. Lila Bai Lalwani.
9th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. S. M. Chavan. G. T. Vaznani. Kaka Kalelkar. Paroi. P. S. Gopalan. Subramhanya Shastri. Narasinham.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.).....,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 167 of 1933
TEMPORARY PRISON OFFICE
Visapur, 13th January 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Visapur Temporary Prison ;

To
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,
I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by Fulchand Bapuji to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, together with the translation for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.).....,
Superintendent,
Visapur Temporary Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 107 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th January 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,
With reference to Head Office Confl. No. 220 dated 16th March 1932, I have the honour to report that the behaviour of the C. D. O. prisoners has been unsatisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 199
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 13th January 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell, Esquire I.C.S., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. S.D. 140 dated the 10th January 1933, I am directed to request that you will inform Mr. Gandhi that Government have no objection to his releasing for publication the statement which formed an accompaniment to his letter of the 7th January 1933.

I have etc.,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 30 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th January 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for communication to Mr. Gandhi in continuation of this office No. Confl. 22, dated 11th January 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 108 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th January 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.).....,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 110 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 16th January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Secretary to Government, Home Department, New Delhi, and to enquire whether the same may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.),
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

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No. Confl. III of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 16th January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith two letters from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

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No. Confl. 115 of the 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a list of visitors who interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, regarding untouchability, from 10th January 1933 to 16th January 1933.

Date	Name of the visitor
10th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri.
	Mathuradas Trikumji.
	Kaka Kalelkar.
	Prabhudas Gandhi.
	Kashiben Gandhi.
	Bhogilal Jaini.
	D. R. Upasak.
	Mrs. Upasak.
	Shantilal Shah.
	H. G. Phatak.
	N. H. Purandare.
	W. N. Ghorpade.
	P. N. Rajbhoj.
	D. V. Nair.
	B. L. Jadhav.
	L. M. Gohil.
	P.S. Gopalan.
	A. C. G.
	Bro Samuel.
11th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri.
	Raojibhai N. Patel.
	S. T. Vaznani.
	P. S. Gopalan.
	Shamji Nanji Marwadi.
	Chitra Karshan Kothavla.
	Nanabhai Velji Gohel.
	Mrs. Indubai Shamji.
	Miss. Umibai Karshan.

Date	Name of the visitor
12th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. R. V. Aghashe. H. G. Phatak. Laxman Shastri Joshi. N. H. Purandare. Y. K. Sowani. Kokje Shastri. W. B. Lazarus. P. S. Gopalan.
13th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. H. S. L. Polak. Sadashivrao. Laxman Shastri Joshi. V. S. Deshpande. H. G. Phatak. P. S. Gopalan. K. G. Phatak. V.R. Shinde. Sister J. Shinde. Miss Gangabai Shinde. R. K. Patade. Prabhudas Gandhi.
14th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. W. B. Lazarus. K. Kellappan. S. Salivati. S. Narasinhham. T. C. Shrinivasan. S. G. Vaze.
16th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. Lallubhai Samaldas. P. S. Gopalan. Laxman Shastri Joshi. G. K. Deodhar. H. G. Phatak.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.)
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 250
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 17th January 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 31, dated 16th January 1933, I am directed to request you to inform Mr. Gandhi that his telegram of the 16th instant, has been transmitted to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

I have etc.,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of
Home Department.

Bombay,

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 48 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS'
Poona, 18th January

OFFICE

1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. Gandhi.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal

Assistant,

for Inspector-General of

Prisons.

Please return.

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No. Confl. 116 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 19th January 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.),
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Most revered Bapuji,

Being always conscious of the pressure on your time I have till now successfully curbed my impulses for writing to you, and hence although at times there were sound reasons for writing to you I deliberately did not do so. But today when I am in a position to write only one letter during three months, and when I am perfectly aware that there has been an unusual pressure on you every minute I have reluctantly to encroach upon your time. Some time ago I thought of writing to you about a scheme regarding Harijans which we had contemplated for Surat ; but at that time I dropped the idea, firstly because my letter was not due, and secondly because I felt rather diffident about making any suggestion whatsoever to you. But I decided to write this letter to you on hearing of the sad demise of my friend Mr. Ishwarlal Gordhandas Veragiwala of Surat. Mr. Veragiwala was with Lal Kaka. He was down with typhoid and it proved fatal. His age was hardly more than 26 or 27 years. I cannot tell you anything about him more effectively than simple mention of the fact that Kanjibhai must have felt like losing his right arm on getting this stunning piece of news, and his wound will take a long time to heal. I cannot describe my personal grief better than quoting your own words on the death of Mr. Maganlal Gandhi. " I feel like widowed ". But I shudder at the thought of the shock it must have given to Mrs. Indumati Veragiwala. I do not know anything about her whereabouts at present. She is hardly more than 21 or 22 years of age. I wish some one were near her to console her. Some months ago I heard from Miss Rohini that Mridulaben was with her. But who else can console and sooth her grief as you ? If you write to Miss Surbala at Surat you will get all the necessary details as well as the address of Mrs. Indumati Veragiwala. As I cannot write to Mrs. Veragiwala I shall feel greatly relieved if you can tell her that her grief has been equally mine also.

Now that I have already taken some of your time I may as well mention the scheme regarding Harijans about which I thought of writing to you. We had organised an inter caste dinner at Surat in the Harijan locality when you were in England. That caused some sensation ; and one or two families

were threatened with excommunication. As a result of these experiences we thought out many new schemes. One of them was that instead of having the inter caste dinner in Harijan locality it must be held in orthodox quarters at which Harijans should be invited. This scheme would have been regarded an unusual step three months ago but today it has become as it were a fact lined with our corporate life owing to your unique pure and sublime penance. Another scheme was that of the Census of the Harijans, and collection of information regarding their caste, sub-caste and occupation. You might have written much about it before this reaches you. The threats of the orthodox led us to devise a scheme of making it possible for the Harijans to live in high caste locality. Today the mission of the uplift of Harijans has received your most profound and benificent blessings, hence the move for making it possible for Harijans to live in high caste localities will easily meet with success. There are many ways of doing so, e.g. in Ahmedabad there has been a regular movement for Co-operative Housing Societies. Every one of such societies could be induced to enable the Harijans to take advantage of this scheme ; necessary loans, if need be, be advanced to them. We also thought of this scheme more seriously from another point of view. It was that of adopting the Harijans in high-caste families. For instance if a Harijan were staying at Kanjibhai's, the Nagars may fret and fume, they may even go to the extent of excommunicating him, yet they cannot remove his house from their locality, and that Harijan in due course of time will *ipso facto* become a member of high society. It is from your life that we received the inspiration for this scheme, hence I feel rather embarrassed in writing about it to you, which I feel like carrying coal to Newcastle ; but my consciousness about your overcharitable and overgenerous heart will desist me from standing on further ceremonies. By adopting Laxmi you have given a tangible form to this scheme years ago. We had decided to induce at least twenty families in Surat to follow in your footsteps ; and Kanjibhai's enthusiasm at that time was boundless. But before we could take any step in that direction the fourth of January came upon us and our scheme remained an unrealised dream. We had considered this scheme from two angles of vision. One was that of taking the Harijans in families as servants. But in that we had to be prepared for a serious difficulty viz. resistance from the female members of the family. The better alternative that could be suggested to us in these circumstances was that of adopting Harijan boys. Mr. Parixital promised us to give us as many cultured, decent, and intelligent boys as we liked. In case of boys the heart of mother would surely assert itself against the agelong prejudice, and the difficulty with regard to the acceptance of Harijans as servants would automatically disappear. With the adoption of Harijan boys many other social questions will crop up. The question of their marriages also will have to be tackled ; and as a result of all this an unparalleled social revolution will take place. There is only one difficulty in the execution of this scheme. Will not the boys adopted like this fall victim to some complexes ?

For instance if you show sympathy to a man in an exorbitant manner it will obstruct the growth of that man ; so will not the growth of the boys be rather stunted ? But it is beyond my capacity to discuss such intricate questions with you, and so I leave them as such. The boarding houses can take up this scheme most successfully. There is facility in every boarding house to take at least two or three students free of charge. Can they not be induced to allot these seats to Harijan students ? At present when the activity for the uplift of Harijans is crystallising into a tangible robust form this scheme can easily be made to yield best results, and the public opinion can be so educated as to regard those boarding houses which have no untouchable students as absolutely worthless and undeserving. But here I must stop.

In the end I may mention one more matter. Your fast seems to have popularised the hymn beginning with (" Utha Jaga Musafir") " Awake arise, oh traveller ? " etc. This is one of my most favourite hymns. But for a long time I have my doubts about one of its words. I had spoken to Shree Rehanaben also about it. It is the word " Tuk " (Short) in the line " Tuk nind se akhiyan khol jara ". The meaning as I have understood is " open your eyes awhile from your short slumber ". Now when one is asked to get up naturally his sleep is not short but long. Conventionally we attribute short sleep to the yogis. Hence the word seems to be rather inconsistent with the spirit of the poem. So I would suggest " Utha " instead of " Tuk ". The repetition of the word in the second stanza would add to the poetic charm and beauty of the poem, and the meaning would get an added force. But if the word Tuk means differently and you approve of it, you will kindly let me know. My joy will know no bounds if I can know that my letter has reached you.

Yours most obediently,

(Sd.) ZINABHAI.

From

Dr. A. K. Bhagwat,
Khadi Bhandar, Sawantwadi.

To

His Excellency,
The Viceroy and Governor General of India, Simla.

May it please Your Excellency,

I shall be highly obliged if Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to allow me to see Mahatma Gandhi and have an interview at Yeravda as he knows me well and if I impress upon his mind the importance of bringing about an honourable peace on either side between (the Congress and the Government, on the following points I am confident that he will agree with me.

(1) On some fixed date, simultaneously, the Government should release all the non-violent political prisoners and the Congress should withdraw the Civil Disobedience Movement.

(2) Without interfering with the present Government administration, the Congress should immediately take to the village constructive programme (the triple constructive scheme) viz. :—

(1) To bring about unity among the different sections of the community by mutual co-operation and moral education of the masses.

(2) To adopt measures to improve the hygienic condition as well as the general health of the public by the easiest and most practicable and scientific means.

(3) To organise village industries on practicable basis, the easiest way to solve the world-wide problem of unemployment, ever increasing, individual as well as national indebtedness, the real way of removing the international, commercial hostility, and reducing the unbearable military expenditure of modern nations.

The local Government Authorities should give moral support to the Congress workers wherever possible.

3. I assure Your Excellency that I shall try my best to help the Government as well as the masses and ultimately the human race by mutual co-operation.

Hoping to get an early favourable reply,

I beg to remain,
Your Excellency's most obedient servant,
(Sd.) A. K. BHAGWAT.

Sawantwadi, 19th January 1933.

No. 556 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

OFFICE

Dated 19th January

1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
Arthur Road Prison, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that State prisoner M. K. Gandhi sent one letter to Miss Slade on or about the 12th instant. Today he received a letter

from Miss Slade in which she states that she has not received that letter. Kindly let me know whether the letter has been received in your office.

servant,

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient

(Sd.).....
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL
VERY URGENT

No. C/CID/58 of 1933
Poona, 23rd January

1933

Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Presents compliments and has the honour to request the favour of being informed if an individual named Shanti T. Sung *alias* Tsang Sheng Ti, a Chinese, has visited Gandhi in Yeravda Jail in November and December 1932 or January 1933. An early reply is requested.

(Sd.)

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for District Superintendent of Police,

Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 118 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

OFFICE

Dated 24th January

1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

To

The District Superintendent of Police, Poona.

*Ref :—*Your No. C/CID/58, dated 23rd January 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that a Chinaman named ' Shanti' visited State prisoner M. K. Gandhi on 23rd November 1932.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.)
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central

Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 119 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

OFFICE

Dated 25th January

1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith the list of visitors in duplicate who interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi regarding untouchability from 17th January 1933 to 23rd January 1933.

Date	Name of the visitor
17th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. P. V. Thackersey. Padmaja Naidu. Dharma Deva Vidya Vachaspati. Harischandra Sharma.
18th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. G. K. Devdhar. S. G. Vaze. H. G. Phatak. Jayashankar Pitamber. Suvidyaben Mehta.
19th January 1933.	P. S. Gopalan. N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. Damodardas Laxminarayan. Motilal. Meera. C. P. Shukla. H. G. Phatak. S. V. Thakkar. L. Vaidya. Mrs. Parvati Thakar. R. B. Talegaonkar. K. M. Jedhe. V.V. Apte. Y. Dhokurkar.

Date	Name of the visitor
19th January 1933— <i>contd.</i>	S. T. Awati. B. N. Agawall.
20th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. Mathuradas. Mrs. Mathuradas and two children of Mathuradas. C. P. Shukla. P. S. Gopalan. D. Kosambi. Dahyabhal M.
21st January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. D. V. Patel. P. S. Gopalan. Purshottam Trikumdas. S. G. Vaze. G. K. Devdhar. A. V. Patwardhan. W. Q. Lash. Brother Keshav.
22nd January 1933.	Sunday.
23rd January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. Laxman Shastri Joshi. R. K. Chikkerur. P. S. Gopalan. G. B. Nirantar. Kamala Joshi. Mrs. Sarala Devdhar. Vasantika Sathe. Rangu Kulkarni. Narmada Bobde. Vijaya Chitale. Chhabu Nagarkar. Narmada Sangamnerkar. Tara Purohit. Malati Kurlekar. Godubai Joshi. Shashikala Madhiman. Krishnakumari Dabir. Shanta Phatak.

Date	Name of the visitor
23rd January 1933— <i>contd.</i>	P. S. Gopalan. A. Macray.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.).....,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 383
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 26th January 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

To
W. H. Goodell, Esquire,
Pona Hotel, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram of yesterday's date to the Honourable the Home Member requesting permission to interview Mr. Gandhi, I am directed to inform you that Government regret that they are unable to accede to your request.

2. I am to enclose the reply telegram form which was received with your telegram under reference.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of

Bombay,

Home Department.

No. S.D. 384
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 26th January 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for information.

By order of the Governor in Council,
(Sd.)
for Secretary to the Government of

Bombay,

Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 123 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 27th January 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison

And

Major S. R. Prall, M.D., I.M.S.,
Acting Civil Surgeon, Poona.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Surgeon General, Poona, in his Memo. No. 198-B/Confl., dated 19th January 1933, we have the honour to state that we conjointly examined State prisoner M. K. Gandhi on 27th January 1933, and found him in good health.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

(Sd.).....

Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.).....,

Major, I.M.S.,
Ag. Civil Surgeon,

Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 122 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 27th January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to me for favour of necessary orders. In this letter Mr. Gandhi requests for permission to interview some persons named therein.

Permission to interview late P. J. Mehta's family was granted by Government under No. S.D. 7287 dated 29th November 1932, sent under your endorsement No. Confl. 1107 dated 30th November 1932.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 120 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 27th January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you Re : Censoring of his letters.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central

Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 121 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

OFFICE

Dated 27th January

1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Civil Surgeon.
Poona.

Sir,

With reference to No. S. 198-B/Confl. dated 19th January 1932, from the Surgeon General, Poona, I have the honour to request you to please pay your monthly visit to this prison for the Medical Examination of State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent

,

Yeravda Central

Prison.

H. S. L. Polak.

C/o M. R. Jayakar,

Esqur.,

Winter Road, Malabar

Hill,

Bombay.

To

The Private Secretary to His Excellency,
the Governor of Bombay.

Sir,

On the 16th December I addressed a letter from London to His Excellency, informing him that I was shortly leaving for India on a professional visit, and that I intended shortly after my arrival here, today, to leave for Madras *via* Poona;

In view of the very old association of friendship that my family and I have for many years had with him, irrespective of strong political differences, I requested His Excellency to grant me permission to interview Mahatma Gandhi at Yeravda Jail during my short stay in Poona, in order to discuss with him personal and family affairs and such other matters as he may, under the Jail regulations and the restrictions imposed upon him by the authorities, be confined to, such as the question of the removal of untouchability.

I gave my addresses in Bombay and in Poona, but so far I have received no acknowledgment of or reply to my letter.

As I am leaving here tomorrow night for a short visit to Ajanta and proceed thence to Poona, where from Thursday noon, until Saturday night I shall be staying at the Servants of India Society, I shall be very grateful for a reply whether or not His Excellency is willing to grant my request. Thanking you, therefore, for the favour of an early reply.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) H. S. L. POLAK.
ARTHUR ROAD PRISON OFFICE
Bombay, dated 29th January

1933

Dear Major Bhandari,

I would strongly recommend that you inform the Inspector-General of Prisons before you let State prisoner M. K. Gandhi have letter dated 28th instant from Mira Ben (Miss Slade) as I have written a D.O. to him on the subject, explaining the reasons for Mira Ben's agitation.

Home self and family are doing well and with kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.)

.....,

" Homestead ",
Alexandra Road,

Gamdevi,

Bombay-7.
30th January 1933.

To

The Secretary,
Home Department,
Government of Bombay, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer you to the conversation I had with you this afternoon regarding an interview with Mr. M. K. Gandhi, State prisoner in the Yeravda Central Jail. At present I am on my way to Amreli, Kathiawar, having been released on parole for a fortnight from the Bijapur District Jail where I am due back on the 13th February 1933.

As I told you personally, I have been an old friend of Mr. Gandhi, having been his medical adviser since 1914, and the interview is sought for purely personal affairs.

The reply may be directed to the address given above.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) JIVRAJ N. MEHTA,
C. D. Prisoner No. 5293,
Now on Parole.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 441
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 30th January 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 58, dated the 27th January 1933, I am directed to inform you that Mr. Gandhi's request to be permitted to see the three persons mentioned in his letter of the 27th instant to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, may be granted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) .C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of

Bombay,

Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

OFFICE

1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. Gandhi with reference to his letter No. Confl. 122, dated 27th January 1933.

No. 65 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS'
Poona, 31st January

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 125 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 31st January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 24th January 1933 to 30th January 1933.

Date	Name of the visitor
24th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri.
	Padmaja Naidu.
	S. G. Vaze.
	S. K. Sindkar.
	P. S. Gopalan.
	A. Macray.
	Purshottam Tricumdas.
	Sarjubala Munshi.
	Vrikkoomari Purshottam.
	Pramila Gadgil.
	S. P. Joshi and wife.
	N. B. Jasani, wife and sister.
	Mrs. Parvatibai Joshi.

Date	Name of the visitor
24th January 1933— <i>contd.</i>	Miss Kanchan Balibhai. Anjanibai Manilal.
25th January 1933.	Prema Nath Bhargava. N. K. A. Shastri. S. G. Vaze. N. M. Joshi. S. K. Sindkar. N. D. Gokhale. Duncan Greenless. P. S. Gopalan. M. V.S.N. Variyar.
26th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. L. B. Jadhav.
27th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. D. G. Velankar. V. D. Gadgil. C. D. Phadke. H. B. Shivdasani. M. Bhavnani. Mulji Ranchhoddas.
28th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. S. Salivati. Lalji Mulji Gohil. Liladhar Jivram Yadav. Pragji Kunvarji Chawan. Ardeshir Manekji Jilla. Kaka Kalelkar. Magan Desai. Paramanand Kumar. Chandulal Mohanlal. Tarabai Chandulal. Madhuri P. Kapadia. Mrs. Vijaya Kapadia.
30th January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. G. D. Birla. J. K. Pilani. Kamalanayana Bajaj. Devdas Gandhi. C. Rajgopalachari.

Date	Name of the visitor
30th January 1933—	C. P. Shukla.
<i>contd.</i>	P. S. Nair.
	Durga Desai.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.),
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 126 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 1st February 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from ' A ' Class prisoner Miss Slade from Arthur Road Prison, and to enquire whether the same may be delivered to him.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 378 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
TEMPORARY PRISON OFFICE
Visapur, 1st February 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Visapur Temporary Prison;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by prisoner Balwantsingh No. 928 addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.),

Visapur Temporary Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 127 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 1st February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, New Delhi for disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. Confl. 129 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 2nd February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith two letters from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Messrs M. R. Jaykar and C. F. Andrews, and to enquire whether they may be allowed to go on.

In these letters Mr. Gandhi sends copies of the letter sent to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, which was forwarded to you under this Office No. Confl. 127 dated 1st February 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 130 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 2nd February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Mr. C. F. Andrews, Woodbrooke, Sellyoak, Birmingham, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Confidential letter No. S.D. 488, dated 2nd February 1933, from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department (Political), to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona.

" With reference to your endorsement No. 72, dated the 1st February 1933, I am directed to inform you that the letter of the same date from Mr. Gandhi has been forwarded to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy."

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 78 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. M. K. Gandhi.
This has a reference to his letter No. C. 127, dated 1st February 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Confidential letter No. S.D. 505, dated 3rd February 1933, from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department (Political), to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona.

" In returning herewith the telegram addressed by Mr. Gandhi to the Rev. C. F. Andrews which accompanied your letter No. 74, dated the 2nd February 1933, I am directed to inform you that it may be passed for transmission. Government, however, consider that it should issue as a *telegram* on the distinct understanding that Mr. Gandhi's allowance is sufficient to pay the telegram charges."

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 87 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 4th February. 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal with reference to his letter No. Confl. 130, dated 2nd February 1933. The telegram is herewith enclosed.

(Sd.)
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

**Confidential letter No. S.D. 501, dated 3rd February 1933, from the
Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department (Political),
to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.**

" With reference to your letter No. 75, dated the 2nd February 1933, forwarding for the orders of Government two letters addressed by Mr. Gandhi to Mr. M. R. Jayakar and the Rev. C. F. Andrews, I am directed to inform you that as the enclosures to the letter are copies of the letter addressed by Mr. Gandhi to the Private Secretary to the Viceroy, to whom the original has been forwarded, the Government of Bombay do not think that they can deal with the matter, without consulting the Private Secretary to the Viceroy. Copies of the two letters have accordingly been sent to him and he has been asked to telegraph whether the letters, with the accompaniments, may be sent on to the addressees."

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 86 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 4th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. Gandhi with reference to his letter No. C. 129, dated 2nd February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 514
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 4th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter dated the 28th January 1933 from ' A' Class prisoner Miss Slade to Mr. Gandhi which accompanied your

endorsement No. 68 dated the 1st February 1933, I am directed to inform you that it may be delivered.

I have etc.,
(Sd.).....,
for Secretary to Government,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 94 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 6th February 1933

To
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 138 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated February 1933

R. W. C. retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. Confl. 133 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th February 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.),

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 532

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 6th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

Dr. Jivraj M. Mehta,
" Homestead ", Alexandra Road,
Gamdevi, Bombay-7.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 30th January 1933 requesting an interview with Mr. M. K. Gandhi, I am directed to inform you that Government regret that they are unable to accede to your request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 533
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 6th February 1933

Copy together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments for information to :—

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,
Sd.).....,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 102 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 6th February 1933

From

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. Confl. 133, dated the 5th instant, I have the honour to request that you will kindly inform Mr. Gandhi that his letter in respect of his ' account' has been forwarded to Government for orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 6th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In continuation of my confidential letter No. 136 dated 6th February 1933, I have the honour to state that the services of one S. M. S. Officer will be dispensed with when the camp will be closed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

FOREIGN

Andrews,

Woodbrooke Sellyoak, Birmingham.

Reuters summary fair humanly Speaking that is Logical outcome Viceregal decision what God will direct God alone knows concentrating at present on securing consideration bills Present session Government if willing can help here.

GANDHI.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison (Poona).

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 105 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 7th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments with the intimation that I have been directed by Government to instruct him to inform Mr. Gandhi that a letter addressed to him by prisoner Patwardhan has been withheld by order of Government. Mr. Gandhi should also be informed of the reply sent to Patwardhan.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 540
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 7th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. S.D. 501 dated the 3rd February 1933, I am directed to return herewith the two letters, together with their enclosures, addressed by Mr. Gandhi to Mr. M. R. Jaykar and the Rev. C. F. Andrews, and to say that they may be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Home Department, Bombay.

No. 109 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th February 1933

To

The Superintendent
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal in continuation of this office confidential No. 86 dated 4th February 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return.

No. 145 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 9th February 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniment.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 139 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to the Secretary to the Government, Home Department, Bombay, for favour of disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison,

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 104 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th February 1933

From

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 170, dated 28th/29th January 1933 forwarding for disposal of a letter written by prisoner Sitaram Puru-shottam *alias* Appasaheb Patwardhan addressed to Mr. Gandhi, I am directed by Government to instruct you to inform prisoner Patwardhan that if he wishes to make any application in connection with the allotment of conservancy work to himself, it should be addressed to the Jail Authorities who will deal with it in the light of the orders of the Government of India whose decision has now been received.

He should also be informed that his letter referred to has been withheld by Government.
Please acknowledge.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 142 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 31st January 1933 to 6th February 1933.

Date	Name of the visitor
31st January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri.
	C. Rajgopalachariar.
	Mathuradas Trikumji.
	Devdas Gandhi.
	P. Shankar Menon.
	S. G. Banker.
	G. D. Birla.
	V. H. Barve.
	M. R. Jayakar.
1st February 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri.
	G. D. Birla.
	V. H. Barve.
	A. V. Patwardhan.
	M. R. Shastri.
	S. G. Banker.
	C. Rajgopalachariar.
	P. Shankar Menon.

Date	Name of the visitor
1st February 1933— <i>contd.</i>	H. A. Shah. P. S. Gopalan. Lilavati Munshi. Sharayubala Munshi. Mathuradas Trikumji.
2nd February 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. Bejoti Banerjee. P. S. Gopalan. D. G. Velankar. C. D. Phadke. Lalji M. Gohil. Liladhar J. Yadav. Navaseth Walji T. Jivram Morarji.
3rd February 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. R. Shastri. Bhogilal Chhotalal. P. S. Gopalan. Lilavati Munshi. V. K. Joshi. Mrs. Satyabhamabai Joshi. B. V. Inamdar. N. B. Khadke. Raste Vasant Dattatraya. Sharayubala Munshi.
4th February 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. B. R. Ambedkar. R. Shastri. G. N. Shintarkar. W. N. Ghorpade. G. T. K. M. Jedhe. S. A. Upasani. R. D. Kowli. R. D. Dolas. Stanley Jones. A. V. Patwardhan. V. H. Barve. G. R. Abhyankar. H. Patwardhan. P. N. Rajbhoj. Bhau. P. Patil.

Date	Name of the visitor
4th February 1933	P. R. Ranavde Patil.
<i>contd.</i>	B. S. Patil.
	B. T. Dhas.
	P. S. Gopalan.
5th February 1933 Sunday.	
6th February 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri.
	R. Shastri.
	A. Macray.
	V. H. Barve.
	F. W. Pundajee.
	P. S. Gopalan.
	P. N. Rajbhoj.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 143 of 1933
 YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
 Dated 8th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith some papers received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, from the Secretary of an Untouch ability League, for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 2399/3

HOME DEPARTMENT

Bombay Castle, 9th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Subject.—Prisoner, Miss Slade (Miraben) :
Transfer from Bombay Jail—

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum No. 103, dated the 7th February 1933, forwarding a letter from Mr. M. K. Gandhi, dated the 6th February 1933, about the transfer of Miss Slade from the Arthur Road Prison, Bombay, I am directed by the Governor in Council to request that you will be so good as to inform him in reply to his letter that on a report regarding her health from the Medical Officer of the Arthur Road Prison, Bombay, which reached Government on the 2nd instant, orders were issued for her transfer to the Sabarmati Central Prison, where there is an I.M.S., Superintendent and all arrangements can be made which are necessary for her health and that she was transferred there on the 8th instant.

2. The enclosed letter from Miss Slade to Mr. Gandhi which accompanied his letter under reference should also be returned to him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 144 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 9th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you re : prisoner Patwardhan on reduced ration.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 112 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 9th February 1933

R. W. C. Presumably since the attached letter was written Mr. Gandhi has been informed of Government reply to prisoner Patwardhan and also the decision of the Government of India in respect of conservancy ; if so, I have nothing further to communicate.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Inspector-General of Prisons.

No. C./147 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 10th February 1933

R. W. C. Mr. Gandhi was informed of Government's reply to Mr. Patwardhan yesterday. Government of India orders in respect of conservancy work were communicated to him today.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, F.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 2027 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 9th February 1933

MEMORANDUM

The following orders have been laid down by Government for dealing with the requests of high caste Hindu prisoners who volunteer for conservancy work.

The Government of India after full consideration and examination of the views of local Governments have reached the following conclusions. While reaffirming the principle that prison tasks must be allotted by the Superintendent of the Jail with due regard to the capacity of the prisoner and the suitability of the task, and that this discretion must be unfettered, they are of opinion that it should be open to the Superintendent of the Jail to allot conservancy work to high caste Hindus who volunteer for it, subject to the following conditions which they commend to the consideration of local Governments :—

- (i) Volunteers should be employed only if the Superintendent having regard to the requirements of the jail deems it necessary to call for volunteers to be employed on conservancy work.
- (ii) The fact that a particular prisoner volunteers for conservancy work does not establish any right to be employed in that capacity.
- (iii) There should be a properly attested record of the fact that particular prisoners have volunteered (to prevent any subsequent charge that this labour is exacted from them).
- (iv) Volunteers, to whom conservancy work is allotted, must perform that work in its entirety and for so long as the Superintendent of the jail may direct. (There should be no half measures, such as the combination of other employment with a little conservancy work.)
- (v) The Superintendent should have full discretion to discontinue such employment at any time.
- (vi) Volunteers, to whom conservancy work is allotted, will not necessarily live in a barrack with the rest of the conservancy staff, but where the Superintendent directs. (It is necessary to prevent the possible corruption by association of the genuine sweeper staff with high caste volunteers.)
- (vii) Children and minors should not be accepted as volunteers.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

With a request to inform Mr. Gandhi of the decision of the Government of India *with the omission of the words in brackets.*

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 118 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Pcona, 9th February 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for favour of direct compliance and disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return.

No. Confl. 151 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th February 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 600
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 10th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In returning herewith the communication addressed to Mr. Gandhi which accompanied your endorsement No. 110 dated the 8th February 1933 I am directed to state that it should be withheld.

I have etc.,

(Sd.),
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay.
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 117 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 11th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal as directed by Government.
This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 143 dated the 8th February 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt. Col.-I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return.

No. Confl. 150 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th February 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 146 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for you.

Government's reply to Patwardhan's letter was communicated to him yesterday and Government Orders regarding conservancy work for Hindu volunteers was communicated to him today.

He wishes to know whether prisoner Patwardhan has given up his hunger strike or not and also whether he has been allowed conservancy work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 594

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 10th February 1933

MEMORANDUM

With reference to his petition dated the 19th January 1933 to His Excellency the Viceroy requesting an interview with Mr. M. K. Gandhi, Dr. A. K. Bhagwat is informed that his request cannot be granted.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

To

Dr. A. K. Bhagwat,
Khadi Bhandar, Savantwadi.

No. S.D. 595

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 10th February 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the petition to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments for information to :—

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency,
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.),

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.B. 252 of 1933
 OFFICE OF THE
 DEPUTY INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE, C.I.D.,
 Bombay Presidency, Post Box No. 46,
 Poona, 10th February 1933.

Dear Col. Doyle,

We get fairly frequent reference from the C.I.Ds., as to whether certain individuals have come to Poona and interviewed Mr. Gandhi at the Yeravda Central Prison.

2. To enable us to reply officially and correctly in such cases, I would be glad if you could kindly ask the Superintendent of the Yeravda Prison to supply in future with a copy of names of persons who interview Mr. Gandhi with dates, and if possible with anything of interest in this connection, e.g., the reasons for seeking interviews.

3. In order to maintain a complete record here it is also desired to have a list of those who have previously interviewed Mr. Gandhi, with dates of interviews, if this can also be conveniently supplied. If desired, a police sub-inspector can be sent to the Jail to copy the information recorded there with regard to past interviews.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.)

To

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, D.S.O., I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Below inquiry regarding Chinaman "Shanti".

No. 148 of 1933
 YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
 Dated 10th February 1933

Returned with compliments.

2. The Chinaman named Shanti visited State Prisoner M. K. Gandhi on 23rd November 1932.

3. He had stayed in the Sabarmati Ashram for two years and had gone on short leave to China. He had taken a vow of celibacy, but still he married during his stay there. He had specially returned to apologize to Mr. Gandhi for having broken the vow. During his stay in China he was an Editor of some Newspaper in Penang.

On his return he had gone again in the Sabarmati Ashram and came here for interview from the Ashram.

4. He was dressed in Khadi (Dhoti, Shirt and Gandhi Cap).

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent.
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. Confl. 149 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, for favour of disposal.

Your D. O. was handed over to him.

I explained to Mr. Gandhi that Government of India's orders must have reached the Superintendent, Ratnagiri Jail by this time and action must have been taken on them. Consequently, there is no necessity for any further correspondence on the subject. But he insists that this letter must be forwarded to Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL
URGENT

No. 122 of 1933
Poona, 12th February 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

Please inform Mr. Gandhi, that I have ascertained that prisoner Patwardhan has been given conservancy work and is taking normal diet. Also that his health is good.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 120 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th February 1933

To
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and necessary action with reference to his confidential letter No. Confl. 139, dated 7th February 1933.

The letter from Miss Slade to Mr. M. K. Gandhi is herewith enclosed which should be returned to him.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

SABARMATI MANDIR
Dated 13th February 1933

Revered Bapuji,

We had stayed for five days in Borsad Jail. No difficulty of any kind was experienced there. We arrived here in the evening at 5 p.m. on Thursday along with Shanta, Lalita and Dahiben etc.

We are in good health uptill now. In my case, sentence is awarded leniently but what can be done ? I am fined very heavily i.e. Rs. 500 or in default 1½ months while others have been fined Rs. 200 or in default six months. What a wonderful thing ? One has to submit to the will of the Almighty. I was thinking too much this time as I will have to remain alone. But God is very kind. I was very much glad to see that Miraben was already here for my company before my arrival. We both are staying in the same room. I have already replied to your two letters received in Borsad at a time, through Mr. Narandas which you must have received.

I have not received other letters from you, perhaps they may be lying in Ashram.

I hope you to be in good health. I have heard that you have again started spinning. Your hand trouble is still the same as you mention. There is much relief to my mouth trouble now-a-days.

Let me know regarding Bhai Ramdas. Give my blessings to all of you there if you write.

My blessings to Sardar Vallabhbhai, Mahadevbhai and Chhaganlal Joshi etc.

I had seen Narandas. Rama and children are quite well.

Best compliments from Kusum and Gangaben.

You must be aware that Nimu has left for Lakhtar. I have not received any letter from Manilal, inform me if you have received any.

Best compliments from
Ba.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 152 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Personal Assistant to Deputy Inspector-General
of Police, C.I.D., Poona.

Reference :—Your D.O. addressed to the Inspector-General of Prisons,
Poona, dated 10th February 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that a weekly list of all individuals who visit State prisoner M. K. Gandhi in the prison, will be sent to you every Wednesday. The interviews are mostly about untouchability and take place in a yard where no Jail official is expected to be present. Once a week

Mr. Gandhi has a family interview with his relatives and disciples from the Ashram. Such interviews take place in my office. He is also allowed to see visitors who come to see State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel (only his relatives) and *vice versa*. Anything of interest will be reported to you.

A book is maintained in which all visitors of Mr. Gandhi are made to sign. If you kindly send a Police Sub-Inspector, the book will be placed at his disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 629
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 13th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your endorsements Nos. 119 and 123, dated respectively the 11th and 12th February 1933, and to request that you will inform Mr. Gandhi, with reference to his letter of the 11th instant, that information reached Government on the 12th February that convict Patwardhan placed himself on reduced diet from the 7th instant and that this action was taken by him before the orders of the Government of India regarding volunteering high caste labour for conservancy work in jail had reached the Superintendent of the Ratnagiri District Prison. Mr. Gandhi should also be told that information has since been received that convict Patwardhan has been given conservancy work and is taking normal diet and that Government do not therefore consider that any further action is necessary.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 125 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. Gandhi, with reference to his letter No. Confl. 149 dated 11th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 155 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona. Sir,

I have the honour to report that State prisoner M. K. Gandhi's allowance of Rs. 100 for the month of February 1933 has already been spent. I had already informed him a few days ago that the balance to his credit was very little. He stated that if the Dentist's bill had not been paid from his account, there would have been ample funds at his disposal. In this connection, kindly see my office No. Confl. 133 dated 15th February 1933 forwarding a letter from Mr. Gandhi to the Inspector-General of Prisons.

For the time being I have transferred Rs. 30 from Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel's account to Mr. Gandhi's account to meet his current expenses. Orders may kindly be issued as to how the rest of his allowance be spent on telegrams, stationery and postage.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 1238 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th February 1933

To

The Oriental Translator with the Government of Bombay, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written in Gujrathi for favour of translation and early return.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.)
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 19 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th February 1933

From

Major R. T. Advani, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith two letters (to be returned please) one written by ' A ' class prisoner No. 8296 Mira Ben (Miss Slade) and the other in Gujrathi (translation in English attached) from ' A ' class prisoner No. 8313 Mrs. Gandhi for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi,

(a) Letter from ' A ' class prisoner No. 8296 Mirabai (Miss Slade) Pages 2 and 3 describe her move from Arthur Road Prison to Ahmedabad Prison.

(b) There are references to other prisoners here, in different parts of the letter.

Letter from ' A ' class prisoner No. 8313 Mrs. Gandhi,

(a) reference to other prisoners,

(b) remarks on the fines imposed on other female prisoners convicted along with her.

In my opinion I consider they are objectionable under the Prison Rules. Instructions may kindly be given whether the letters should be withheld. To delete the objectionable portion only, would in my opinion completely spoil these letters.

I have the honour etc.,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Ahmedabad Central Prison.

No. S.D. 643
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 14th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell. Esquire, C.I.E. I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. S.D. 488, dated the 2nd February 1933, I am directed to request that you will communicate to Mr. Gandhi the following reply from the Government of India to his letter of the 1st February 1933 to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy :

" The Governor-General in Council has carefully considered the points urged by Mr. Gandhi in his letter of the 1st of February 1933, addressed to the Private Secretary to the Viceroy, in which he requests that, for the reasons stated therein, the Government of India should facilitate the progress and passage of the Bills regarding Temple Entry, which will be introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Ranga Iyer and others. He is unable to accept the arguments developed by Mr. Gandhi relating to the Poona Pact, and notes that the resolution he has quoted did not form part of the Pact as communicated to the Government of India. In the matter of the Pact, Government were concerned merely to accept a modification of the representation in the Legislatures which had been provided in the Communal Award of His Majesty's Government. But quite apart from the Pact, the Government have for many years taken an active interest in the improvement of the conditions under which the depressed classes live. That interest has been directed to the matters referred to in the resolution which he quotes, such as education and the provision of the normal facilities of life, which were placed in the forefront of the resolution, but appear not to be regarded by him as the vital part of it. The Government have naturally taken no initiative in matters which specifically affect religious practice.

In regard to that, they have nothing to add to the statement issued to the press on 23rd January. They must reiterate that in their opinion it is essential that the consideration of a measure, which so closely affects the religious customs and usages of the Hindu Community, should not proceed unless the proposals are subjected to the fullest examination in all their aspects, not merely in the Legislature, but also outside it, by all who will be affected by them. This purpose can only be satisfied if the Bill is circulated in the widest manner for the purpose of eliciting public opinion, and if adequate time is given to enable all classes of Hindus to form and express their considered views."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 129 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 15th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information in continuation of this office confidential No. 78, dated 3rd February 1933.

The contents of the letter may kindly be communicated to Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.B. 280 of 1933

OFFICE OF THE

DEPUTY INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE. C.I.D.,

Bombay Presidency, Post Box 46,

Poona, 14th February 1933.

My Dear Major,

Thank you for your confidential letter No. 152, dated the 13th instant

2. I am sending herewith S. I. R. D. Divekar, and would be glad if you would let him see the book of visitors to Mr. Gandhi so that he may take the necessary notes, as regards visitors in the past.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.)

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, Yeravda.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 15th February 1933

Dear Major Bhandari,

There are two matters that I have discussed with you, with which you have told me you have no authority to deal.

The first matter relates to the supply of Newspapers to me in terms of the orders of the Government of India, giving me special facilities about Untouchability propaganda. Somehow or other hitherto I have managed to cope with my work in spite of restrictions that you have been exercising about Newspapers addressed to me. I have already drawn your attention to very important matters escaping my notice owing to the non-delivery of these papers. However careful your staff may be, they cannot always be sure of having all the cuttings relating to Untouchability in the papers received. Some papers such as Dr. Ambedkar's I have to look through fully and carefully. So far as I read the Government of India orders they contemplate no restrictions on the prompt receipt by me of correspondence and newspapers. It is obvious that I cannot carry on propaganda if I do not get such things in proper time. I therefore ask that all the Newspapers received for me and which do not come under the heading of 'prohibited literature' should be delivered to me as they arrive. Of course they may be taken away from me as soon as I have used them. I need hardly repeat the assurance that I have no use for them save for the one purpose to which all my energy and attention are being exclusively directed. I shall therefore thank you to obtain necessary and early instructions in the matter.

The second matter is about the new weekly *Harijan* which is being published in Poona in the interest of the Servants of Untouchables' Society. Its policy is naturally being controlled by me as it has been published at my instance. It has therefore to deal exclusively with questions relating to untouchability only and therefore it is a purely socio-religious weekly. I asked you whether copies could be sent to my associates and fellow prisoners whether belonging to 'B' Class or 'C' Class. I would thank you if you will kindly ask for Government's instructions on my request. I may draw the attention of the Government to the fact that in 1922 when I was admitted into this Prison as a convicted prisoner and when in all other matters except

food and sanitary conveniences I had no facilities given to me except what were permitted to other prisoners, there never was any difficulty about my getting newspapers of a purely Socio-religious character. I hope therefore there will be none this time about the giving of *Harijan* to my friends the fellow prisoners.

Lastly will you please convey my thanks to the Government for their very prompt attention to my letters about Shrimati Miraben (Slade) and Appasaheb Patwardhan.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 156 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 15th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith the names of the persons who interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week (from 7th February 1933 to 13th February 1933).

Date	Name of the visitor
7th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri.
	R. Shastri.
	P. V. Thackersey.
	M. B. Dehadrai.
	P. S. Gopalan.
	G. K. Deodhar.
	R. S. Talegaonkar.
	K. M. Jedhe.
	S. K. Sindkar.
	M. P. Khaladkar.
	S. B. Deshpande.
	Yamutai Kaduskar.
8th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri.
	Mrs. V. L. Pandit.
	Miss K. Nehru.
	Miss I. Nehru.

Date	Name of the visitor
8th February 1933— <i>contd.</i>	Sjt. Kamalanayan. R. Shastri. Kanhaiyalal. D. Annapurna. A. Macray. Damoder Sunderadas. P. S. Gopalan. Gordhandas Sai.
9th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. Narayan Nathu Sorte.
10th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. Lallubhai Samaldas. R. S. Ghatge. S. M. Sonone. Tatyaba Narayan Shinde. S. J. Sonone. R. Shastri. V. H. Barve. A. V. Patwardhan. R. V. Oturkar. P. S. Gopalan. G. K. Deodhar. H. G. Phatak. S. K. Sindkar.
11th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. Shastri. P. Kodandrao. Diwakar Singh. Laxman Shastri Joshi. H. G. Phatak. J. Milton Vance. Mrs. J. Milton Vance. P. K. Shivadas. P. S. Gopalan.
12th February 1933	Gomatibai Mashruwala. Shantadevi. Jankidevi Bajaj.
13th February 1933	R. Shastri. N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan.

Date	Name of the visitor
13th February 1933—	T.P. Ramachandran.
<i>contd.</i>	G. K. Deodhar.
	Laxman Shastri Joshi.
	H. G. Phatak.
	P. Kodand Rao.
	S. K. Sindkar.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/CID/168 of 1933.
 Poona, 16th February 1933.

The Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Presents compliments and has the honour to enquire whether one Ram Narain, s/o Murlidhar Chaudhari of Ajmere had come to see Mr. Gandhi in Yeravda Jail between 28th and 30th December 1932. An early reply is requested.

(Sd.),
 for District Superintendent of Police, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 674
 HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
 Bombay Castle, 16th February 1933

From
 R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
 Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
 Home Department;

To
 The Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Sir,
 Government understand that Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas has recently written a letter to Mr. Gandhi urging that the civil disobedience movement

should be called off. I am to enquire whether this letter has been received by you and to request that, if it has not been passed for delivery, it should be referred to Government for orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Copy to the Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 157 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 16th February 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a summons received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from the First Class Sub-Judge, Poona, and to enquire whether it should be served on him. If it is served it is possible that Mr. Gandhi would like to appear personally in the court.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 158 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 16th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith copy of a letter addressed to me by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

As regards para. 2 of the letter Mr. Gandhi is allowed certain newspapers as sanctioned in Home Department (Political) letter No. S.D. 310 dated 16th January 1932. Since he started this untouchability work he wants to see practically all the Newspapers that may be received for him in this Office. As according to Government orders sent under No. 1033, dated 13th November 1932 from the Inspector-General of Prisons, I am expected to maintain a general watch over the newspapers that he gets. I started giving him cuttings relating to Untouchability from all the papers. He does not appear to be satisfied with it, as certain article published in *Free Press Journal* was overlooked and not given to him.

With reference to para. 3 of his latter no newspapers are allowed to ' C' Class prisoners. ' B' Class prisoners are allowed *Times of India* and few a vernacular weekly paper.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 161 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from Mr. Ghanashyamdas Birla, addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 164 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter and some papers received from Mr. Tudor Owan, Whydown Palace, Little Common, Bexnill, addressed to

State prisoner M. K. Gandhi and to enquire whether the same may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 165 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith four letters from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the three female prisoners mentioned below. The letters are censored in this office, but they may please be censored again before delivery to the addressees.

1. Mrs. M. K. Gandhi.
2. Miss Slade.
3. Bai Gangaben.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 162 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th February 1933

To

The District Superintendent of Police,
Poona.

*Ref :—*Your No. C/CID/168 dated 16th February 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that one ' Ram Narayan' interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi on 29th December 1932. It cannot be stated from what place he had come.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. Confl. 159 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

*Ref. :—*Your letter No. S.D. 674, dated 16th February 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that a letter written in Gujrathi was received for State Prisoner M. K. Gandhi on 14th February 1933, written by Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas.

As my Senior Jailor could not understand certain passages, it was not delivered to Mr. Gandhi but was sent to (the Oriental Translator for translation and return. No reply has been received yet.

The Oriental Translator is being requested to send it direct to you as early as possible.

As far as I remember, there was some mention in the letter about stopping of Civil Disobedience Movement and also about untouchability.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Oriental Translator to the Government of Bombay,
Secretariat, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that a Gujrathi letter addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi was sent to you for translation on 14th February 1933 under my office No. 1238. Kindly send the letter and its translation to the Secretary to the Government, Home Department, Bombay, under *Confidential* cover as early as possible and intimate this office accordingly.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1975/3
HOME DEPARTMENT
Bombay Castle, 17th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Subject.—State Prisoner : Mr. M. K. Gandhi :
Charges for dental treatment.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 101, dated the 6th February 1933 and endorsement No. 128, dated 14th February 1933, I am directed to state that, in the circumstances reported, the charges for the dental treatment of Mr. M. K. Gandhi should be met from the head ' Hospital Charges' as proposed by you.

2. Government agree with you that the accounts of Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel and Mr. Gandhi should not be amalgamated.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) D. O'FLYNN,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 709
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 18th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire I.C.S., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter from Mr. G. D. Birla to Mr. Gandhi which accompanied your endorsement No. 138 dated the 17th February 1933, I am directed to inform you that it may be delivered.

I have etc.,

(Sd.),

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 142 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Dated 20th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his Confl. No. 161 dated 17th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,

Personal Assistant,

for Inspector-General of Prisons.

No. Confl. 177 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 21st February 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison

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Under instructions from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, Yeravda, in his Confidential letter No. 160, dated the 17th February 1933, the undersigned begs to forward herewith to the Secretary to Government,

Home Department (Political) Bombay, the Gujarati letter addressed to Mr. M. K. Gandhi received with the Superintendent's letter No. 1238, dated the 14th idem, together with its English translation.
18th February 1933.

(Sd.) A. K. MD. HUSSAIN.

No. C/14 of 1933

ORIENTAL TRANSLATOR'S OFFICE
Secretariat, Bombay, 18th February 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, Yeravda, for information.

(Sd.) MD. HUSSAIN,
Oriental Translator to Government.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 141 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 20th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and guidance with reference to the correspondence ending with his confidential letter No. Confl. 155, dated 14th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 169 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to Mr. M. R. Jayakar, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

In this letter Mr. Gandhi sends copies of two letters :—

(1) a letter from the Government of India as a reply to Mr. Gandhi's letter to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, New Delhi, dated 1st February 1933.

(2) a letter from Mr. Gandhi to the Secretary, Home Department, Government of India, New Delhi, dated 19th February 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 168 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 20th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

In this letter Mr. Gandhi encloses :—

(1) Copy of Mr. Gandhi's letter to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, New Delhi, dated 1st February 1933.

(2) Copy of the Government of India's reply to the above letter.

(3) Copy of the letter from Mr. Gandhi, to the Secretary, Home Department, Government of India, New Delhi, dated 19th February 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 170 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to the Secretary to the Home Department, Government of India, New Delhi, for favour of disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 171 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to Head Office Confidential No. 220, dated the 16th March 1932, I have the honour to report that the behaviour of the C.D.O. prisoners with the exception of a few, has been good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 24 of 1933
CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 20th February 1933

From

Major R. T. Advani, I.M.S.,
Superintendent Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that eight ' C ' Class C.D.O. female prisoners will be transferred to your institution on the 21st instant (Tuesday) leaving Ahmedabad Station by the Gujarat Mail at about 8-55 p.m. and arriving there in the afternoon of the next day. They will have their evening meal there.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 717
HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)
Bombay, 20th February 1933

Dear Major Bhandari,

It has been noticed from your letter No. 156, dated the 15th February 1933, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, that among the visitors who interviewed Mr. Gandhi on the 11th in connection with untouchability work are the names of Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Vance. Could you let me have particulars as to who they are ?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy to the Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 734

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 21st February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. Confl. 159, dated the 17th February 1933, I am directed to inform you that the letter in Gujarati dated the 12th idem from Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas to Mr. Gandhi, which was received from the Oriental Translator to Government with a translation, has been withheld under the rules and Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas has been so informed. The letter has been retained on the records of this Department.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Copy to the Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 175

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st February 1933*Ref. :—*Your D.O. No. S.D. 717, dated 20th February 1933.

Dear R. M. Maxwell,

Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Vance were connected with some Missionary Teaching Institution (Ewing College). They are Americans by birth.

I am afraid no particulars are kept in this office, about persons who see Mr. Gandhi on Untouchability. They are required to sign their names in a book. Beyond that no enquiries are made. Most of them come by previous appointment with him.

In this particular case I happen to remember this much, as I read the letter addressed by Mr. Vance to Mr. Gandhi. From the instructions received by

me, the selection of visitors with reference to Untouchability is left to Mr. Gandhi.

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., M.A., I.C.S.,

Secretary to Home Department.

Copy with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 21st February 1933

Dear Sir,

*Ref. :—*Your D.O. No. S.D. 717 dated 20th February 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Vance were connected with some Missionary Teaching Institution in Allahabad (Ewing College). They are Americans by birth.

Ordinarily no particulars are kept in this office, about persons who see Mr. Gandhi on Untouchability. They are required to sign their names in a book. Beyond that no enquiries are made. Most of them come by previous appointment with him.

In this particular case I happen to remember this much as I read the letter addressed by Mr. Vance to Mr. Gandhi.

From the instructions received by me, the selection of visitors with reference to Untouchability is left to Mr. Gandhi.

To

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., M.A., I.C.S.,

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 737

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 21st February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to return herewith the two letters from Mr. Gandhi addressed to M. R. Jayakar and Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, which accompanied your

endorsements Nos. 145 and 146, dated the 20th February 1933, and to state that they may be passed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 149 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Copy together with the letters in question forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal with reference to his letters Nos. Confl. 168 and 169, dated the 20th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 739
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 21st February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 144, dated the 20th February 1933, I am directed to inform you that the letter of the 19th idem from

Mr. Gandhi has been forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 150 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for necessary action with reference to his letter No. Confl. 170. dated the 20th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL.,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 736
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 21st February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsements Nos. 136 and 143, dated respectively the 16th and 20th February 1933, I am directed to return herewith the two summonses received for Mr. Gandhi and to state that they should be returned to the Court of the First Class Sub-Judge at Poona with an intimation that

the Governor in Council is unable to permit their being served on Mr. Gandhi as he is a State prisoner under Regulation XXV of 1827.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 148 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy together with two summonses in original forwarded for favour of disposal with reference to his letters Nos. Confl. 157 and 167, dated 16th and 18th February 1933 respectively.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 174 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st February 1933

To

The Oriental Translator with the Government of Bombay,
Secretariat, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from Mr. Rohit Mehta written in Gujrathi received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, for favour of translation and early return.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.),
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 730
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 21st February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 139, dated the 17th February 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter and its accompaniments received for Mr. Gandhi from Mr. W. Tudor Owen and to state that they may be delivered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 152 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 23rd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy together with the letter and its accompaniment forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal with reference to his letter No. Confl. 164, dated the 17th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 178 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 22nd February 1933

From

Major, M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The First Class Sub-Judge, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to return herewith the two summonses received from you on 16th and 18th instant, in Civil Suit No. 88 of 1933, for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, unserved, with an intimation that the Governor in Council is unable to permit their being served on Mr. Gandhi, as he is a State prisoner under Regulation XXV of 1827.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 176 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 22nd February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, during the week from 14th February 1933 to 20th February 1933.

Date	Name of the visitor
14th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri.
	R. Shastri.
	P. S. Gopalan.
	M. K. Jagtap.

Date	Name of the visitor
14th February 1933— <i>contd.</i>	N. C. Kelkar. R. V. Oturkar. N. B. Parulekar. A. V. Phadnis. R. N. Kelkar.
15th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan.
16th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. Shastri. N. N. Sorte P. S. Gopalan.
17th February 1933	Narasinhachar. N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. R. S. Shastri. Mrs. Shastri.
18th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. Shastri. Purshottam N. Gandhi. Kamalanayan Bajaj. Indira Nehru. Chand Nehru. Tara Pandit. Ramakrishna Bajaj. P. S. Gopalan. Mathuradas Trikumji. Duncan Greenlees. Aka Pocha. S. K. Shindkar. H. G. Phatak. S. M. Sukla. M. R. Jankiba. N. B. Parulekar.
20th February 1933	R. Shastri. N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. Kali Mrs. J. Jhaveri. G. B. Nirantar. V. K. Chitale. M. S. Beke. D. J. Saraf.

Date	Name of the visitor
20th February 1933— <i>contd.</i>	M. Bhave. N. Panse. M. Divekar. M. Salunke. G. Sahasrabudhye. M. Abhyankar. S. Nagpurkar. K. Rajguru. S. Udpikar. S. Joshi. S. Dhamonere. D. Sathe. Y. Shahane. P. Parulekar. S. Bendre. G. Ranade.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 26 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, February 1933

From
Major R. T. Advani, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A ' Class female prisoner No. 8296 for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of perusal and further disposal.

In my opinion the undermentioned portions are objectionable according to Prison Rules :—
(a) Page I Reference to Detenue Mridulaben.

(b) There are references to other prisoners in different parts of the letter. I understand from this prisoner that no restriction has been placed before on her writing about other prisoners to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi as she has done in this latter and in her first letter from here. I do not know if any special concession is granted to her, when she writes to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

Such reference in the letters of other prisoners are generally deleted out.

(c) On page 16.

There are a few lines describing her accommodation in Arthur Road Prison.

(d) Page 18 again

Reference to Detenue Mridulaben.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.),

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Ahmedabad Central Prison.

Below Confidential letter No. 26 dated February 1933, from the Superintendent, Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 153 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 23rd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal under the existing rules.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,

Personal Assistant.

for Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the accompaniment.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/186 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 27th February 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 180 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 24th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to Hon. Raghavendrarao, Home Member, Nagpur, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, T.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Hon. Raghavendrarao, Home Member, Nagpur. Just heard Seth Poonamchand Ranka Seoni Jail fasting do not know reason will you please inquire and let me know whether report true and if so cause of fasting.

(Sd.) GANDHI.

No. Confl. 183 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to Mr. C. F. Andrews and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

TELEGRAM

Reply prepaid.

Superintendent, District Jail, Seoni (C. P.)
Am interested in Seth Poonamchand Ranka prisoner your jail please wire condition his health.

(Sd.).....
Gandhi.

TELEGRAM

C. Rajagopalachari,
Care Gadodia, Delhi.
Send Raobahadur Rajas Bill amending Section 144 with your opinion.

BAPU.

Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/16 of 1933
ORIENTAL TRANSLATOR'S OFFICE
Secretariat, Bombay, 27th February 1933

From

Abdul Kadir Muhammad Hussain, Esquire, J.P.,
Oriental Translator to Government;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.
Yeravda, Poona-6. Sir,

With reference to your confidential letter No. 174, dated the 21st February 1933, I have the honour to return herewith the Gujarati letter written by Mr. Rohit Mehta to Mr. M. K. Gandhi together with its English translation.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) MD. HUSSAIN,
Oriental Translator to Government.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/184 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 27th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison,
And
Major S. R. Prall, M.D., I.M.S.,
Ag. Civil Surgeon, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Surgeon General, Poona, in his Memo No. S. 198-B/Confl. dated 19th January 1932, we have the

honour to state that we conjointly examined State prisoner Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi on 27th February 1933, and found him in good health.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) S. R. PRAI.L,
Major, M.D., I.M.S.,
Acting Civil Surgeon, Poona.

C/185

27th February 1933.

No 'Copy' of 1933.

Copy with compliments to the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay.
Dated 27th February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. of 1933
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 27th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In returning herewith the telegram from Mr. M.K. Gandhi addressed to the Hon. Raghavendrarao, Home Member, Nagpur which was forwarded with your endorsement No. 156 dated the 24th February 1933 I am directed to state that it should be withheld.

I have etc.

(Sd.).....,
for Secretary to Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 165 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 28th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for information with reference to his confidential letter No. 180 dated 24th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
for Inspector-General of Prisons.

No. C/189 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 1st March 1933

Received with compliments retaining the accompaniments. The telegram is withheld.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 857
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 28th February 1933

From

R .M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter from Mr. M. K. Gandhi to Mr. C. F. Andrews forwarded with your endorsement No. 162 dated the 27th February 1933, I am directed to state that it should be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,
(Sd.),
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 167 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 1st March 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal. This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 183 dated 25th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
for Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 193 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 2nd March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 862
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 28th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your endorsement No. 137, dated the 16th February 1933, with which was forwarded for the orders of Government a copy of a letter dated the 15th idem from Mr. M. K. Gandhi to the Superintendent of the Yeravda Central Prison requesting (1) that all the newspapers received for him which do not come under the heading of ' prohibited literature ' may be delivered to him as they arrive, and (2) that

permission may be granted to send copies of the *Harijan* weekly to his associates and fellow prisoners whether belonging to ' B ' or ' C ' Class.

2. Mr. Gandhi's first request should be allowed on the condition which he offers, viz., that he should return the papers to the Superintendent of the Prison as soon as he has extracted the untouchability material from them.

3. As regards Mr. Gandhi's second request, I am to say that the subject of the removal of untouchability is not an uncontroversial one and if Mr. Gandhi and his reformist followers are permitted to supply prisoners with free literature on the untouchability question, a similar privilege cannot be refused to the Sanatanists who hold different views with equal strength of feeling. Government cannot allow their prisons to be used as arenas for propaganda and in the circumstances they are unable to accede to his request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Letter No. 2495/3 (Confl.) dated 28th February 1933 from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona.

With reference to your endorsement No. 2217 dated the 13th February 1933, forwarding a copy of a letter from the Superintendent, Ahmedabad Central Prison, about the issue to ' C ' Class prisoners of a book (entitled *Dharma Samsthapan*) compiled from the writings of State prisoner M. K. Gandhi on the removal of Untouchability and Temple Entry, I am directed by the Governor in Council to state that the Superintendent should be informed that books on such controversial subjects should not be issued to prisoners.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 174 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd March 1933

To

The Superintendents of Prisons.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and guidance.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 188 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 1st March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, during the week from 21st February 1933 to 27th February 1933 :—

Name	Address
21st February, Tuesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
R. B. Shastri	Poona.
Laxmidas Purshotam	Bardoli.
Anandibai	Bardoli.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
Gangabai Kapadia	Poona.
Manibai Kapadia	Poona.
R. V. Oturkar	Poona.
N. B. Paruiekar	Poona.
H. G. Phatak	Poona, Sadashiv Peth.
Keshavrao Maruti Jedhe	Poona, Sadashiv Peth.
Dattatraya T. Kulkarni	Poona, Sadashiv Peth.
Sadashiv K. Shindkar	Poona, Sadashiv Peth.
Raghunath B. Talegaonkar	Poona, Sadashiv Peth.
Anant V. Patwardhan	Poona, Sadashiv Peth.
22nd February, Wednesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Nila Nagini Bai	Bangalore.
R. B. Shastri	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
23rd February, Thursday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
R. B. Shastri	Poona.
Nila Nagini Bai	Bangalore.
P. Kodand Rao.	Poona Servants of India Society.

Name	Address
23rd February 1933— <i>contd.</i>	
Dahyabhai V. Patel.	Ram Niwas, Bombay.
Narayan Natha Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
24th February, Friday :	
N. K. A. Shastri	Poona.
Anant V. Patwardhan	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
Kshama Rao	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
Keshav Anant Patwardhan	27, Marine Lines, Bombay.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Lodge, Poona.
G. M. S. Captain	Andheri.
Kamla Sonawala	Lewis Villa, Kirkee.
P. D. S. Captain	Orient Club Building, Chowpaty, Bombay.
Mathuradas Trikumji.	Padmin Road, Bombay.
R. B. Taiegaonkar	1034, Rawiwar Peth. Poona.
Keshavrao Jedhe	Jedhe Mansion, Poona.
Baburao Walvekar	398, Vetar, Poona.
Shankarrao Walhvekar	398, Vetar, Poona.
Shankarrao Mohite	107, Kasba, Poona.
Nila Nagini Devi	Bangalore.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
25th February, Saturday :	
N. K. A. Shastri	Poona.
Padmaja Naidu	Poona Hotel, Poona.
Nila Nagini Devi	Bangalore.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
Datta R. Upasak	Sevasadan, Poona.
26th February, Sunday.	
27th February, Monday :	
Nila Nagini Devi	Bangalore.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
K. Chattopadhyaya	Poona.
P. Kodandrao	Poona.

I have the honour to be,
Sir.

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 1st March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Ref. :—No. Confl. 168 dated 1st March 1933.

Sir,

A letter from Rohit Mehta addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi was received in this Office on 21st February 1933. As it could not be understood by anybody in the staff, it was sent to the Oriental Translator for translation.

The letter and its translation have been received today from the Oriental Translator. They are enclosed herewith for orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

SABARMATI MANDIR
Dated 2nd March 1933

Revered Pujiyashri,

Glad to read your letter enclosed with Miraben's letter. Chanchal has read Prabhavati's letter. Narandas had come to call on me. I have handed over that letter to him.

Mridula is here. She is to stay here for a period of two months. We three are to stay together. Miraben is happy, there is utter silence this time.

One line has been scored out in the letter I received from you. First the letter is short. So what is to be read when it is scored out ? I had told all here that one line had been scored out in my letter but all say that they have not done so.

You might be taking milk and cake now I suppose.

You might be knowing that Ninu's Nana has expired. I have told Narandas to write a letter to you for me. Kana's health is not properly well. There is no news from Harilal. I am well. I can eat well in the morning. I may not

eat if I have no appetite in the evening. I may eat a little if I have a little appetite. My mouth trouble is the same. But there is no pain. Mridula and Miraben worry for Ba but they need not worry for me. I stay here as I stayed before. The Superintendent comes over here often and often and has good affection towards us.

I was very glad to read your interesting letter addressed to Shastriji in the newspaper. The contents tell us that you are very thankful to the Government in keeping Shree Sardar along with you.

Wish Ramdas to be happy. We all are happy here. My blessings to Sardar Shri Vallabhbai, Mahadevbhai and Chhaganlal Joshi.

I read Hindi books, and have continued the study of writing also. I shall do the same as far as I can. I cannot say definitely. My brain does not work. I should study Gujarati also. We all read and write together as Miraben is here.

You might be receiving letters of Laxmi from Madras. I remember her and her sister Papa very much. Mridula has paid her regards to you.

Did you settle Prabhudas's marriage ? Narandas told me this time. Also about Laxmi. God is great. I do not know when God will bring the misery of India to an end. We offer our prayers to the Almighty at 4 o'clock in the morning and at 7 o'clock in the evening. You might be doing so at the said time. I daily read one Adhyay from Anashakti Yoga. Then I go to bed at 5 p.m. I have continued spinning daily. The daily average of my spinning is 400-400 threads. I have got here the very Charkha I had taken from you.

Shanta etc. have been released. Perhaps they might have come to you.

Compliments from,
BA.

[True Copy.]

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 381 of 1933
FIRST CLASS COURT
Poona, 2nd March 1933

From

B. V. Potdar, Esquire, LL.B.
First Class Sub-Judge, Poona ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Subject :—Service of summons in suit No. 88 of 1933 on the deft—
Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

Sir,

With reference to your confidential No. 178 dated 22nd February 1933 returning the summonses in this Court Suit No. 88 of 1933 against Mr. M. K.

Gandhi, stating that the Governor in Council is unable to permit their being served on Mr. Gandhi as he is a State prisoner under Regulation XXV of 1827, I have the honour to state that I am not aware of any law preventing the service of summonses in such a case, and request you kindly to refer to me to it, if any exists. In case I find that the summonses cannot be served on the defendant in the ordinary way, I shall have probably to direct that they be served by substituted service under Order Vrr. 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure, hence the request.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) B. V. POTDAR,
First Class Sub-Judge, Poona.
Nasik, 2nd March 1933

Dear Mahatmaji,

I am sending the accompanying information for your kind perusal. Messrs. Shankarrao and Shantilal have asked me to see you personally in the matter. I don't know, whether, under the present circumstances I shall be able to see you ; I shall be however glad to see you in this connection. Please let me know to my Bombay address which is given below whether I may presume to take 10 minutes of your valuable time, to know your opinion in the matter. With best respects I am Sir.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) HANAMANT S. KAUJULGI.

P. S.

I was released from Nasik Prison on 1st instant. I was in ' B ' Class and was in the same yard with Messrs. Shankarrao and Shantilal.

Address : C/o R. A. Jahagirdar Esquire, Pleader, Thakurdwar, Bombay.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 30 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 3rd March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith 2 letters one written by prisoner No. 8296 Miss Slade (Miraben) and prisoner No. 8313 Mrs. Gandhi (Gujrathi letter translation accompanies) to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

Both the letters contain references in some paragraphs to other prisoners here.

Mrs. Gandhi's letter—paragraphs 2 and 3 are objectionable. As per prison rules, para. 3, one sentence in her letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi was scored out at Yeravda Central Prison while censoring it. The letters may kindly be disposed off after perusal.

I have etc.,
 (Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Central Prison, Ahmedabad.
 C/o Sir Joseph Bhore,
 New Delhi,
 March, 3rd 1933.

The Secretary,
 Bombay Government, Bombay.

Sir,

I shall be leaving for England on the 27th instant, and shall be paying a final visit to friends at Poona on the 25th instant.

I should very much like to see Mr. Gandhi again, to say goodbye to him and take his message to my wife and family. My conversation with him will be confined within the same limitations as when the Government of Bombay were kind enough to accord me the privilege of an interview on the 13th January last.

May I therefore ask you to be so good as to place my request for a further interview before the Government and let me know their views by the time I reach Bombay on the 22nd instant. My address will again be care of Mr. M. R. Jayakar, Winter Road, Malabar Hill.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) H. S. L. POLAK,

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 173 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 3rd March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.
 Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 159 dated 16th February 1933.

(Sd.) E.E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 192 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons.
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, from Mr. Hanamant S. Kaujulgi, Nasik, together with some information about conservancy work in Nasik Jail, and to enquire whether the same may be handed over to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 194 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to me.

Personally I am strongly against allowing anybody inside the Jail after locking up hour, and in my opinion this request of Mr. Gandhi is most unreasonable.

Mr. Gandhi is carrying on his propaganda about removal of Untouchability from inside the Jail. There is a constant stream of interviewers daily for him, besides his extensive correspondence which has to be censored. All this means heavy additional work for the staff.

If permission is granted to allow visitors at night, it will mean extra work and trouble for the jail staff.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 4th March 1933

Dear Major Bhandari,

As you know I have been endeavouring during my present incarceration to study the heavens. You have kindly allowed astronomical literature to come in to me. I need a fair sized astronomical telescope. Lady Vithaldas has one and has kindly consented to give me a loan of it. Drs. Ramnathan and Desai of the Government Observatory, Poona, who put the telescope right say that I should not be able to use it unless they gave personal directions. They need to be with me for that purpose for about half an hour after the stars are observable. If there is any objection to this lesson being given to me in the yard in which I am kept during the night, it may be given in the yard reserved for Untouch ability interviews.

I shall thank you if you will please ascertain the wishes of the Government in the matter.

Yours sincerely.

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 176 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 4th March 1933

Received with compliments.

The letter is obviously objectionable and should be withheld.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the
accompaniment.

No. C/196 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th March 1933

Received with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 195 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 6th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona, for favour of orders.

In this connection kindly see Head Office Confl. No. 148 dated 22nd February 1933, forwarding a copy of the Government Home Department (Political), No. S.D. 736 dated 21st February 1933.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 177 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Dated 6th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Forwarded with compliments.

The objectionable passages referred to should be expunged in the Gujrathi letter referred to and the letters then passed for delivery to State prisoner Gandhi.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 197 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th March 1933

Received with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 178 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 6th March 1933

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for orders of Government letter No. 194. dated 4th March 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison and a letter addressed by Mr. Gandhi to Major Bhandari.

I agree with the opinion expressed by the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison and consider that the time has arrived for a halt to be called to the innumerable concessions granted to Mr. Gandhi.

The position is becoming impossible from the point of view of Jail administration.

If this or similar concessions are to be granted, I shall be forced to ask for extra staff for Yeravda Central Prison.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 179 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 6th March 1933

To
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.
Copy forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confi. 199 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th March 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;
To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to Home Department, Confidential No. S.D. 862 dated 28th February 1933, addressed to you and a copy of which was received in this office under your endorsement No. Confl. 173 dated 3rd March 1933, I have the honour to state that I acquainted Mr. Gandhi with the decision of Government. I told him that all the newspapers will be delivered to him

in the yard where he comes every morning, to have his letters typed and to interview visitors and that in the evening, before going to the ' B ' yard, where he is housed at night, he should return these papers. Mr. Gandhi says that he and his Secretary Mahadeo Desai will not be able to look through all the Newspapers there and that he would like to take them to his yard where he would be assisted in this work by *Vallabhbhai Patel* and *Chhaganlal Joshi*.

I told him that I do not want the Newspapers to go in the ' B ' yard because from these, inspite of all his care and precautions, some are likely to find their way to other parts of the Jail, which is inadvisable.

He suggested that if that is not possible, Chhaganlal Joshi may be allowed to come to the Special Yard with him to help him to read the Newspapers.

In my opinion, the second proposal is the lesser evil. As soon as it is known that all Newspapers are allowed to reach Mr. Gandhi, there will be no end to the number that will be received. This was my experience at the time when all restrictions regarding interviews etc., were removed. I would not like to send all kinds of Newspapers inside a yard where there are other prisoners besides Mr. Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHAMDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

The ' B ' Class political prisoners in the Nasik Jail came to know of the fast of Srj. Appasaheb Patwardhan, from the *Times of India* in the second week of December. Then Mahatmajji had begun his sympathetic fast and then suspended it for a time pending the decision of the Inspector-General of Prisons regarding Mr. Patwardhan's request for being allowed to do the scavenger's work at Ratnagiri jail. Messrs. Shankarrao Deo of Maharashtra and Shantilal Shah, Solicitor, Bombay, requested the Superintendent of the Nasik Jail on the 15th of December, that they should be allowed to do the scavenging in the jail. The Superintendent asked them to apply to the Inspector-General of Police in the matter. Accordingly they sent the application on the 17th of December ; but they did not receive any regular answer to their application.

The Inspector-General of Prisons visited the Nasik Jail on the 19th of January. Mr. Shankarrao asked the Superintendent either to allow him to ask the Inspector-General of Police about the answer to his application or himself ask the Inspector-General of Police about it. The Superintendent informed Mr. Deo that the Inspector-General of Police had told him that the matter

was in the hands of the Government of India. Consequently the Superintendent asked Mr. Deo to await the decision of the Government.

About the middle of February, it was learnt that Mr. Appasaheb had again begun his fast and then broken it on being allowed to do the scavenging work. It was also learnt that the Government had given the Superintendents of Prisons, discretion in the matter of allowing or disallowing the prisoners to do the scavenging work. Expecting that this discretion would be used in his favour Mr. Shankarrao asked the new Superintendent Mr. Laxton for permission to do the conservancy work. The Superintendent answered ' I am not giving you the work unless absolutely necessary. Please don't open the topic again'.

Now Messrs. Shankarrao and Shantilal want to know how to make the Superintendent feel the absolute necessity of giving them the requested work. Should they also begin fasting in order to prove their sincerity in the matter ? If every class-Hindu prisoner that wishes to do the scavenging work on principle, is expected to fast for the permission, the discretion given to the Superintendent in the matter is nullified *ab initio*.

Messrs. Shankarrao and Shantilal are anxiously awaiting Mahatmaji's advice in the matter.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confi. 201 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, during the week from 28th February to 6th March 1933 :—

Name	Address
28th February, Tuesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
Laxmidas Purshottatn	Satyagrahashrama, Sabarmati.
Anandi Asar	Satyagrahashrama, Sabarmati.

Name	Address
28th February, Tuesday— <i>contd.</i>	
Rama Dhiru Joshi	Satyagrahashrama, Sabarmati.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Servants of Untouchability Society, Bombay.
Lilavati Munshi	Bombay.
Dattatraya Waman Joshi	Lady Jamshetji Road, Dadar, Bombay.
Shankar Trimbak Awate	270, Sadashiv, Poona-2.
Narayan Krishna Zanzle	5, Budhwar, Poona-2.
Ramchandra Purshottam Joglekar.	535, Shanwar, Poona-2.
G. A. Deshpande	535, Shanwar, Poona-2.
V. R. Phansalkar	Chinchvad, Poona.
Hari Ganesh Phatak	283, Sadashiv, Poona-2.
Balkrishna Vishnu Tambe	Girgaum, Bombay-4.
Shridhar Anant Ghare	Chinchvad, Poona.
Narayan Dinkar Wani	Chinchvad, Poona.
1st March, Wednesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri, Typist	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	31, Murzban Road, Bombay.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Poona, Aryabhushan Press.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Lodge, Poona.
2nd March, Thursday :	
N. K. A. Shastri, Typist	Poona.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Lodge, Poona.
A. Macray	Poona.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
3rd March, Friday :	
N. K. A. Shastri	Poona.
K. S. Sundram	Benares Hindu University.
A. B. Dhruva	Benares.
P. V. Thakersey	Yeravda.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Sadashive Karnad	Mangalore.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.

Name	Address
3rd March, Friday— <i>contd.</i>	
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
R. B. Taiegaonkar	Poona.
K. M. Jedhe	Poona.
Haribhau S. Jedhe	Poona.
Yeshvantrao Jedhe	Poona.
Vithalrao Gund	Poona.
V. D. Hulyalkar	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
4th March, Saturday :	
N. K. A. Shasiri, Typist	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Akshaya Chandra Padam Sinha	Navalihar.
C. Rajgopalachariar	Tiruchengodu, Gandhi Ashrama.
Devdas Gandhi	Satyagraha Ashrama, Sabarmati.
S. G. Banker	Ahmedabad.
P. Sankar Menon	Tiruchengodu.
5th March, Sunday	
6th March, Monday :	
C. Rajgopalachariar	Tiruchengodu.
S. G. Banker	Ahmedabad.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
N. K. A. Shastri	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Lilavati Asar	Bombay.
P. S. Gopalan	Poona.
Dharma Dev Vidya Vachaspati	Delhi.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 993
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 8th March 1933

To

Mr. Rohit Mehta,
New Era School, Gowalia Tank, Bombay.

MEMORANDUM

With reference to his letter dated the 26th February 1933, addressed to the Home Member, Mr. Rohit Mehta is informed that Government are unable to allow his letter to Mr. Gandhi dated the 19th idem to be delivered to him.

By order of the Governor in Council.

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 994
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 8th March 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, for information. The original letter which was received with his No. 171, dated the 3rd March 1933, has been retained in this office.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 3405 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information with reference to his confidential letter dated 1st March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 1014
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 9th March 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To
H. S. L. Polak, Esquire,
C/o M. R. Jayakar, Esquire,
Winter Road, Malabar Hill.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 3rd instant, I am directed to inform you that Government have no objection to your having a further interview with Mr. Gandhi *on the same conditions as before*.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 1015
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 9th March 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to :
The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.).....
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 202 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 9th March 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona :

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from Mr. Sarma, Member of the Assembly, New Delhi; and a letter from Mr. Vasanji Mulji, Simla House, Bombay, and to enquire whether these may be handed over to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1027

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 9th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 178, dated the 6th March 1933, asking for the orders of Government on the request made by Mr. M. K. Gandhi that Doctors Ramnathan and Desai attached to the Government Observatory at Poona may be permitted to give him a lesson in the use of the astronomical telescope for about half an hour after the stars are observable, I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed that Government regret that they are unable to relax the rule by which no visitors are allowed inside the jail after lock-up, as this would disturb the jail routine and prevent the staff from going off duty.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 193 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 11th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. M. K. Gandhi.
This has a reference to this office confidential No. 179, dated 6th March 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 204 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to Mr. Y. R. Date, Poona, containing a message for the Gaekwar Birthday commemorations and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 203 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Central Prison Office, Ahmedabad.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Mrs. Gandhi.

It is censored in this office but it should be censored again before delivery.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

P.S. :—Mr. Gandhi requests that it should be delivered early.

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

From

The Postmaster, Poona ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Number of enclosures.

Dated Poona the 10th March 1933.

Subject.—Disposal of a letter sent by Mr. R N. Mandlik to Mahatma
Gandhi on 15th November 1932 through Ellisbridge Post
Office

Sir.

I have the honour to invite a reference to this office letter of even No. dated 4th February 1933, on the subject noted above, and to request that you will kindly intimate the date on which a reply may be expected.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) E. F. DALAL,
Postmaster, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1064
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th March, 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the telegram from Mr. Sarma, Assembly Member, New Delhi, and the letter from Mr. Vasanji received with your endorsement No. 187 dated the 9th March 1933, I am directed to inform you that both the telegram and the letter should be withheld.

I have etc.,

(Sd.).....

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 200 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for information and necessary action.

This has a reference to his confidential No. 202 dated 9th March 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
for Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 208 of 1933
Yeravda, 13th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 1078
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter dated the 8th instant, from Mr. M. K. Gandhi to Mr. Y. R. Date, Poona, which was received with your endorsement No. 192, dated the 10th idem, I am directed to inform you that it should be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,

(Sd.)

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 201 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona,. 12th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal with reference to his confidential No. C. 204, dated 10th March 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
for Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 209 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th March 1933

Received with compliments retaining the accompaniment.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 207 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith two letters received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of orders.

One from Mrs. Poonamchand informing Mr. Gandhi regarding the fast observed by Poonamchand, a prisoner in C. P. Jail together with the English Translation.

Second from Mr. A. R. Tyjarey regarding the above (Fast).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 206 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to ' Bachhraj, Wardha,' and to enquire whether it may

be allowed to go on. ' Punamchand' referred in the wire is a prisoner in a C. P. Jail.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARJ,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Bachhraj, Wardha.

Jajuji should see Poonamchand dissuade from fast my behalf.

GANDHI.

13th March 1933
C/o. Arya Nivas
Kalbadevi Road, Bombay

H. H. the Governor of Bombay.

Sir,

We the undersigned, have arrived from Natal, on a tour round India, and, are now leaving, on the 22nd March 1933, for South Africa.

We, with great humble respect, kindly make an application, to your Highness, to allow us to interview, Mahatmaji, on the question of untouchability. Prior to this, we have made an application to the Jailor, Yeravda Jail, at Poona, but he has referred us to your Highness. Your kind permission will greatly oblige.

We remain,
Yours obedient,
(Sd.) S. R. MAHARAJ,
(Sd.) S. ROOPSINGH.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Conn. 204 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith for your information a Marathi letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, from one Mr. Pandurang Vithal

Karmalkar, a released prisoner from Ratnagiri Prison. The letter has been withheld. English translation is attached hereto.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

SABARMATI MANDIR
Dated 13th March 1933

Revered Pujiyashri,

You must have received my letters which were enclosed with Miraben's letters. I have received the reply for one of them and hope the same for others. I write one letter to you every fifteen days and take one interview. Fifteen days have passed away this time but no one has come till now. Mr. Polak is to come for an interview with me and Miraben. I shall not get any information till he comes on 20th March. Bombay is attacked by Smallpox at present. There are many cases of death also. So I feel very much as Rami is in Bombay. It was safe if he had come in Ashram in time. I feel much. God is great. It is true that Gita is the only source of salvation for the soul. There is no remedy for any sort of misery. We pray to the Almighty and God Hari. May God give us the strength to bear the miseries. Miraben makes the changes in her diet. We suppose that water will be suitable to us gradually. All the female prisoners are happy here. Kusumben has been released yesterday. We wish you all happy there. Please let me know how you keep your health. Is there no remedy for your hand trouble ? Don't worry about my mouth trouble. You have asked questions to Miraben about me. I read Gujarati and Hindi and can write also but forget it soon. Mridula is happy here. Miraben passes her time in talking with Mridula as she is here. We feel the absence of Kusumben but what can be done ? We have forgotten all at present. You might be getting information from Ashram. I shall get the information about Ashram after 152 days. Laxmi is to be married and the rest are under the care of God. Pay my compliments to Shri Vallabhbhai, Mahadev, Chhaganlal Joshi and all. I take rounds daily. I spin regularly.

Blessings from,
BA.

P.S.—I try to have artificial teeth but unsuccessful.

[True Copy.]

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 213 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, during the week from 7th March to 13th March 1933 :—

Name	Address
7th March, Tuesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
A. V. Patwardhan	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
Raihana Tyabji	C/o D. D. Nanavati, Sangam.
R. Shastri	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Lilavati Asar	Bombay.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
Mukund Malaviya	Sabarmati.
P. N. Rajbhoj	207, Ghorpade, Poona-2.
H. G. Phatak	283, Sadashiv, Poona-2.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press. Poona.
8th March, Wednesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
V. Krishnamurty	Lloyd Chamber, Walkeshwar, Bombay.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
C. P. Shukla	Parna Kuti, Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona, Tilak Road.
Acharya Limaye	Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
9th March, Thursday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Chandrashankar Shukla	Parna Kuti, Poona

Name	Address
9th March, Thursday— <i>contd.</i>	
R. Shastri	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
P. S. Gopalan	Poona.
Anasuya Sarabhai	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
S. G. Banker	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
Vaikunth L. Mehta	Murzbanabad, Andheri.
Vasukaka Joshi	Chitrashala Press. Poona.
10th March, Friday :	
N. K. A. Shastri. (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parna Kuti, Poona.
D. V. Patel	Girgaum, Bombay.
Laxman Shastri Joshi	Sevasadan, Poona.
Shriniwas Vyankatesh Navathe	226, Sadashiv, Poona.
Mathuradas Trikumji	Sabarmati.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Ala Pocha	Poona.
P. Kodand Rao	Poona.
11th March, Saturday:	
N. K. A. Shastri. (Typist)	Poona.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
Mathuradas Trikumji	Sabarmati.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
Miss Indira Nehru	Pupils Own School. Poona.
Miss Chand Pandit	Pupils Own School, Poona.
Mr. Kamalanayan	Pupils Own School, Poona.
Mr. Ramkrish Bajaj	Pupils Own School, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parna Kuti, Poona.
S. G. Banker	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
Anasuya Sarabhai	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
Laxman Shastri Joshi	Sevasadan, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Poona.
12th March, Sunday :	
13th March, Monday :	
N. K. A. Shastri. (Typist)	Poona.
Anandi Asar	Ashrama, Sabarmati.
P. S. Gopalan	A.P.I. Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.

Name	Address
13th March, Monday— <i>contd.</i>	
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
P. Kodandrao	Poona.
Maruti Govindrao Kasar	Dhond, district Poona.
Babu Dagdu Kale	Dhond, district Poona.
Haribhau Phatak	Poona.
Narayan Bhikaji Parulekar	624, Sadashiv, Poona-2.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 44 of 1933
 AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
 Sabarmati, March, 1933

From

The Superintendent,
 Ahmedabad Central Prison.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith two letters written by 'A' Class female prisoners No, 8296 and 8313 Miss Slade and Mrs. Gandhi (English translation of the Gujrathi letter accompanies) for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of perusal and further disposal. Letter from Miss Slade. Pages 1, 3, 4 are objectionable as per rules. Page 11 contains reference to Mrs, Gandhi. Page 16 reference to detenue Mridula. ,

Mrs. Gandhi's letter contains reference to detenue Mridula, released prisoner Kusumben and other prisoners.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
 Major. T.M.S ,
 Superintendent,
 Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 210 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received from the President, Marwari Yuwak Mandal, Yeotmal, addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to him.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 211 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1114
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 14th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 184, dated the 8th March 1933, I am directed to inform you that Government have no objection to prisoner Chhaganlal Joshi being allowed to accompany Mr. Gandhi to the special yard to help the latter in extracting from newspapers material bearing on untouchability.

I have etc..

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 216 of 1938
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 15th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information, with reference to his confidential letter No. 199, dated 7th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.
Bombay Presidency.

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

From

The Postmaster, Poona ;

To

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda.

No. TL 2-60

Poona, the 14th March 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to say that a reply paid telegram sent by New York History Society, New York, and addressed to Mahatma Gandhi, Yeravda Jail, Poona, was received by the Yeravda P.O. on 20th October 1932 and was delivered to the Police Babu Vithu Walkar of the Yeravda Jail, on the same day. The senders of the telegram have claimed a refund of Rs. 14-11-0 the cost of the reply pass on the ground that no reply was received. I, therefore, request that you will kindly obtain the unused reply paid voucher from the addressee and send it to this office for being forwarded to the Postmaster-General, Bengal and Assam Circle, Calcutta who calls for it.

If the reply paid form has already been used by the addressee, the particulars of the same may kindly be ascertained and communicated to this office.

An early reply will oblige.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) E. F. DALAL,
Postmaster. Poona.**CONFIDENTIAL**

No. 218 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona. 15th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Forwarded with compliments. The letters may be delivered.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 216 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 16th March 1933

Received with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Manekbai,
121. Mogal Street, Rangoon.
Your wire pray have patience am trying best.

GANDHI.

No. 1183 of 1933
DISTRICT PRISON OFFICE
Dhulia, 15th March 1933

To
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by a female prisoner, No. 12142 Mrs. Yeshodabai Bhat now confined in this prison, to Mr. M. K. Gandhi, State prisoner, in the prison under your charge, for favour of handing over the same to him.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.)
Superintendent,
Dhulia District Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Conn. 215 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 15th March 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter, together with some newspaper cuttings, received from " Satish ", for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1133

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 15th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona. Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 180, dated the 6th March 1933, with which you forwarded for the orders of Government a letter from the First Class Sub-Judge, Poona, to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, asking him to show cause why the summons in civil suit No. 88 of 1933 cannot be served on Mr. Gandhi, I am directed to request that you will ask the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to acknowledge the letter of the Subordinate Judge and inform him that Government have instructed the District Government Pleader, Poona, to argue the point in Court on a date to be fixed by the Subordinate Judge.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 222 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of necessary action.
This has a reference to his Confl. No. 195, dated 6th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 134 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Dated 16th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) S.R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

No. Confl. 63 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th February 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent.
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 221 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th March 1933

Received with compliments. Your action is approved. Please return.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 217 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th March 1933

Received with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Revered Mahatmaji,

Please accept my pranams. I was released from the Ratnagiri Prison on the 2nd instant. I was also fasting with Appasaheb for conservancy work. You are already informed by Appasaheb, through a letter which he sent to you. I think, that much introduction is necessary enough for the latter.

Appa sent a letter to you through the Inspector-General of Prisons. 10 or 12 days before he re-started his fast on the 7th February. But it was informed that the letter was sent to Bombay Government and not delivered to you. At the time of the first fast, according to your instructions, he postponed his fast on the 6th December 1932. At that time the India Government wanted sufficient time to think over the problem to decide it. But at that time you stated that it was a problem not of months but of a few days. Still Appa found that Government must be given reasonable time to give the final decision about the matter, and therefore he gave two months time at the most for the decision. Accordingly he stated in the letter that if no decision is arrived at by the Government till 6th February and if no more instructions are received from you he shall restart the fast from the 7th February. But as the letter was not delivered to you, you might perhaps be misunderstood and hence I mention the above.

The new Government resolution regarding conservancy work is vague. It was thought that you might not have been shown this Resolution and hence sufficient information about the same should be provided to you. This was what Appasaheb and others thought and therefore they asked me to write you about it, I being the first to be released among them.

We also have not seen this resolution with our own eyes, and hence it is difficult to state which part of it is not clearly stated. Still we suspected something wrong in this resolution, from the actual happening in the fast. It is as follows :

We started on part-fasting on the 7th February. Two or three days after that nearly 52 to 53 prisoners volunteered themselves for the conservancy work and reported to the Superintendent, accordingly. Amongst those that volunteered themselves for the work, there were some non-political prisoners as well. Some who were ready to volunteer, did not get a chance to enlist. The Superintendent informed us that the names of all those who have volunteered for the work are reported to the Inspector-General of Prisons. (Here I may mention that last year some 50 to 60 prisoners were ready to do the work. They gave their names when they were asked if any of them were ready. But as conservancy men were wanted at Visapur, they were not sent there but got the chance to do the work in Ratnagiri prison by turns.)

We did not know what reply was received from the Inspector-General of Prisons. But we two were informed that according to the new resolution, the prisoners should request the Superintendent for the work, and he will decide in this matter. As required by this rule we had already requested the Superintendent, and as we did not get the work, we had started the fast. We could exactly understand the situation. On the 12th it was informed that Appa had been given the conservancy work and he broke his fast on the very day. No one else of us got the work. But as it was our request that if any one out of us gets the work, we shall stop fasting. I broke my fast when Appa got it. But like Appa, I too wanted the work and hence I requested the Superintendent for the same.

The Superintendent replied that though it was left at his discretion whether to give the work to a certain prisoner, he could not give it to me as there was no vacancy in the conservancy files. It was by chance that I got the work, when a conservancy prisoner was released in a day or two. But this does not mean that the injustice regarding the conservancy has been removed. Those (50 to 52) who volunteer to work do not get a chance, while those who are unwillingly doing it do not get rid of it till they are released from the prison. In any other branch of work, one has got hope of his work being changed after a few months or at last years, but there is no hope of being relieved of conservancy work. There will be a change not of work but of the jail that too, to meet the necessities of the jail. Prisoners of a tender age

of 10 to 20 have to bear this injustice only because they have no strength to oppose. According to new resolution, one can get a chance in working the conservancy branch, if there is shortage of men in it and if the Superintendent finds it necessary that he should be given the work. This does not prove that our principle has been recommended. Hence we request that necessary enquiries may be made regarding this resolution.

I have put up the case according to my knowledge. If you find it necessary to get more information, or to see me personally, please reply to that effect. I am impatient to see you, but for the present, I do not think it reasonable to trouble you for this cause. I am satisfied with this letter having reached to you. Not until a reply is received shall I think that my letter has reached to you. If I do not get a reply for a fortnight more, I will understand that it has been stopped being found objectionable.

Other points :—Appa requests that you shall please give out your thoughts on the following three points :—

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| (Jati-Wayvstha) | 1. Caste System. |
| (Vrana-Wayvstha) | 2. Varna System. |
| (Hindu Dharmachi Lashne) | 3. Requisites of Hinduism. |

It seems that there is a change in your thoughts those of a few years ago and those of today. I think that the present opportunity is very useful for giving out your thoughts. When you will be out you will not get the necessary quietness. There will be many points of views on your remarks which will give scope for discussions. I would therefore request that you should very frankly give out your thoughts through the *Harijan*.

Nothing more to add.

Yours obedient,

(Sd.)
Pandurang Vithai Karmalkar.

Dated 10th March 1933
at Bambuli, post Kudul, Sawantwadi.

No. S.D. 1153
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 16th March 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith (1) a telegram from Mr. Gandhi addressed to ' Bachhraj Wardha' which was received with your endorsement No. 204 dated the 13th March 1933 and two letters addressed to Mr. Gandhi one from Mrs. Dhanawati Ranka and the other from Mr. A. R. Tyjarey which were received with your endorsement No. 203 dated the 13th March 1933, I am directed to inform you that the telegram and the two letters should be withheld.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 224 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Dated 17th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for information and guidance.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
for Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Conn. 265 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Received with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHAMDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 218 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th March 1933

From The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;
To The First Class Sub-Judge, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 381 dated 2nd March 1933, regarding the service of the summons in suit No. 88 of 1933, on State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, and to state that Government have instructed the District Government Pleader, Poona, to argue the point in court on a date to be fixed by you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 220 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th March 1933

From The Superintendent,
Central Prison Office.
To The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to me. I have not allowed *Harijan* paper to Jamnalal Bajaj as he is a ' C ' Class prisoner *vide* your Circular No. 3279 dated 8th March 1933. I have allowed Mr. Gandhi to show certain correspondence (seen by me before hand) on untouchability to prisoner Jamnalal Bajaj as in his Original letter to Government Mr. Gandhi stated that he would see Jamnalal frequently about untouchability. As Government have no objection to Jamnalal Bajaj discussing untouchability matters with Mr. Gandhi,

I don't suppose there will be any objection to give this paper to him. It could be given to him after lockup and taken away before he is unlocked, so that other prisoners in the yard may not see it.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 1177
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Casde, 17th March 1933

To

Messrs. S. R. Maharaj and S. Roopsingh,
C/o Arya Nivas, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.

MEMORANDUM

With reference to their petition dated the 13th March 1933, addressed to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, requesting that they may be allowed to interview Mr. M. K. Gandhi in the Yeravda Jail on the subject of untouchability, Messrs. S. R. Maharaj and S. Roopsingh are informed that they should address themselves to Mr. Gandhi in the first instance, and if they can show that he wants to see them about untouchability, they can then apply direct to the Jail Superintendent for admission.

By order of the Governor in Council,
C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 1178
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 17th March 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to
:—

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,
(Sd.).....,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 219 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from Mr. Motilal Roy, Calcutta, together with the Memorandum and Articles of the Association of the Prabartak Trust Limited, and to enquire whether these may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 1176
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 17th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your endorsement No. 212 dated the 14th March 1933, regarding Mr. Gandhi's request for the grant of permission to Drs. Ramnathan and Desai of the Meteorological Department to give him instructions in the use of an astronomical telescope for

about half an hour I am directed to enquire whether, in view of the fact that Mr. Gandhi is now willing to have the instructions just before the Prison Gates are closed, it would cause any administrative difficulty if the two doctors were allowed in for half an hour before lockup, and, if not what time should be specified.

I have etc.,

(Sd.),

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

TELEGRAMS

To

Bachhraj, Wardha.

" Report full condition Poonamchand if Jajuji or Poonamchand's wife able see him they must tell him fast quite wrong if it be for abolition classification.

GANDHI.

30th March 1933

To

Bachhraj, Wardha.

Jajuji should see Poonamchand dissuade from fast my behalf.

GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 228 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 18th March 1933.

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of report.

This has a reference to his confidential No. 211, dated 14th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 225 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th March 1933

Returned with compliments.

There would be no administrative difficulty if the doctors are allowed to give instructions to Mr. Gandhi, as long as they leave the Jail premises by 6-15 p.m.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

EXPRESS LETTER

No. SD. 1175
Dated 17th March 1933

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

For purpose of answer to question in the Assembly please report very urgently full facts of reported refusal by Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison to permit M. S. Aney acting President of the Congress to interview Mr. Gandhi.

Bombay Special.
(Sd.),
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL
URGENT

No. 2275 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 18th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of early report.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 33 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, dated 6th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A' Class prisoner No. 8296 Miss Slade (Miraben) to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of disposal after perusal.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 182
Dated 7th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for delivery.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.
Bombay Presidency.

No. C. 200 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniment.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 221 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 18th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.).....,

for Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 18th March 1933

Dear Sir,

. I was grieved to hear yesterday from Major Bhandari that my telegram to Seth Jajuji of Wardha advising Seth Poonamchand Ranka a prisoner in Seoni Jail, Central Prison to abandon his reported fast, was withheld by Government. A similar telegram to the Home Member, Central Provinces Government was also withheld. I thought I could understand the reason for it. But the reason for withholding the telegram to Seth Jajuji, I have failed to understand. Ever since 1922 the Government have recognised that they should allow me freely to do humanitarian services for which nature has qualified me and to which among other things my life is dedicated. This telegram was along those lines. Seth Poonamchand is a coworker. He has often been guided by me. I am sure that the Government would prize the lives of the prisoners as much as the public, and therefore would not shut out any help that might be legitimately tendered for saving them.

I have no knowledge as to how Seth Poonamchand is doing. But I respectfully urge the Government to reconsider the decision and allow my telegram to go. As time is of essence I request earliest answer.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

To

The Home Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 222 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 20th March 1933

Returned with compliments.

Mr. Aney was refused interview with Mr. Gandhi as according to letter No. S.D. 1560, dated 3rd March 1933, from Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, interviews are allowed only with :—

- (i) Personal relatives.
- (ii) Non-political inmates of the Sabarmati Ashrama.
- (iii) Non-political personal friends.

Mr. Aney does not fall in any of these categories. If he wished to see Mr. Gandhi on untouchability only, he should have written to him. In that case if Mr. Gandhi was willing to see him, the interview would have been permitted.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 223 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 20th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received from Mrs. Dhana-wati Ranka, addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, for favour of orders.
Correspondence and telegrams on this subject have been withheld.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 2466 of 1933

AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Sabarmati, 20th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that ' A ' Class female prisoner No. 8313 Mrs. Gandhi is entitled to receive one letter every fortnight as she utilises the concession of interviews. Will you kindly make arrangement so that there is only one letter from her husband during the period. Lately I have been receiving letters for her every week from her husband sent through you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1219
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 20th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E, I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter dated 12th March 1933 and enclosures from Satish addressed to Mr. M. K. Gandhi which were received with your endorsement No. 223 dated the 16th March 1933, I am directed to state that they should be delivered to Mr. Gandhi.

I have etc.,

(Sd.).....,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department
No. 245 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 21st March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 237 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 23rd March 1933

Received with compliments retaining accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 53 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 20th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A' Class female prisoner No. 8296 Miss Slade (Mirabai) for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of perusal and further disposal.

(1) On page 17 there is a reference to the transfer of detenue Mridulaben.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1210
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 20th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, I.C.S., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the telegram from the President, Marwari Yuwak Mandal, Yeotmal, addressed to Mr. Gandhi, which was received with your endorsement No. 213 dated the 14th March 1933 I am directed to inform you that the telegram should be withheld.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 244 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 21st March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for disposal as directed.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 236 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 23rd March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Conn. 229 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to me regarding Vallabhbhai Patel.

Vallabhbhai Patel suffering from chronic rhinitis and gets acute exacerbations of the condition off and on. Nothing seems to do him any good.

I don't see any necessity for Dr. Deshmukh to examine him.

I can ask the Civil Surgeon to arrange with the nose specialist attached to Sassoon Hospital to examine Vallabhbhai Patel. The difficulty is about paying the fees of the specialist, who not being a Government servant, demands payment. There is sufficient money to the credit of Vallabhbhai Patel out of the

allowance paid to him by Government. If Government has no objection the specialist's fee could be paid from it.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDAKI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 226 of 193.3
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith two letters received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, for favour of orders.

In the letter (No. 1) from Mr. P. R. Thakur, Calcutta, Mr. Gandhi is being advised to start another fast if necessary.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BUANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 248 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for delivery after the objectionable passages have been expunged.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Province.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 234 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 23rd March 1933

Forwarded with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 231 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 22nd March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 14th March 1933 to 20th March 1933.

Name	Address
14th March, Tuesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Laxman Shastri Joshi	Sevasadan, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
S. Subramaniam	Poona.
S. Gaulsan	Madras.
Mrs. Gaulsan	Madras.
Raihana Tyabji	C/o D. D. Nanavati, Sangam, Poona.
15th March, Wednesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
S.G. Banker	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.

Name	Address
15th March, Wednesday— <i>contd.</i>	
Anasuya Sarabhai	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A.P.I. Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
16th March, Thursday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. X. Soares	321, Main Street, Poona.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti. Poona.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A.P.I. Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
17th March, Friday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
R. Shastri	Poona.
18th March, Saturday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Miss Indira Nehru	Pupils Own School, 3, Staveley Road, Poona.
Miss Chand Pandit	Pupils Own. School, 3, Staveley Road, Poona.
Mr. Kamalanayan Baiaj	Pupils Own School, 3, Staveley Road, Poona.
Ramkrishna Bajaj	Pupils Own School, Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Keshav M. Gandhi	Satyagraha Ashrama.
Shrimati Velaben	Sabarmati.
P. S. Gopalan	A.P.I.
Laxman Shastri Joshi	Sevasadan, Poona.
Rajaram Ramdasi	633, Shanwar, Poona.
Krishna Sakharam Shinde	633, Shanwar, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
19th March, Sunday	
20th March, Monday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka, Kalelkaf	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.

Name
20th March, Monday—*contd.*
P. S. Gopalan
P. H. Gadre

Address
A.P.I.
Nasik City.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1237
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 21st March 1923

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 229, dated 18th March 1933, I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed that in reply to his letter to Government of the 18th March 1933, that the telegram addressed to ' Bachhraj, Wardha', to which it is presumed that he refers, was withheld under the rules applying to his correspondence on matters unconnected with the removal of untouchability, because it appeared to relate to a matter of jail discipline on which, as a State prisoner, he was not entitled to convey advice, even of an unobjectionable kind, to other prisoners who are under the sole control of their jail authorities.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 249 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 22nd March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for favour of communication. This has reference to his Confidential No. 221 dated 18th March 1933.
Please return.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Province.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1235

HOME. DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 21st March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, I.C.S., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

In returning herewith the telegram dated the 18th March 1933 from Mrs. Dhanawati Ranka to Mr. Gandhi which accompanied your endorsement No. 231 of the 20th idem, I am directed to state that it should be withheld.

I have etc.,

(Sd.),
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 250 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 22nd March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for disposal in accordance with instructions.

This has reference to his confidential No. 223 dated 20th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 235 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 23rd March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 233 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 22nd March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison;

To

The Oriental Translator with the Government of Bombay,
Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith Gujrathi letter for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of translation and early return.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.)
for Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 238 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 23rd March 1933

To

The Deputy Inspector-General of Police,
Criminal Investigation Department, Intelligence Branch,
13, Lord Sinha Road (Eligin Road), P. O. Calcutta.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith two letters, one from prisoner Narayan C. Ray for favour of censoring and direct disposal and the other received for him for favour of censoring and early return.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, IMS.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1271
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 23rd March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letters addressed to Mr. Gandhi by Mr. P. R. Thakur of Calcutta and Mr. Khandkar Md. Zakaria of Salar, District Murshidabad, which were received with your endorsement No. 247 dated the 21st March 1933 I am directed to inform that both the letters should be withheld.

I have etc.,

(Sd.).....

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 261 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 24th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for necessary disposal. This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 226 dated 21st March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Province.

Please return retaining accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 244 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1270 of 1933
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 23rd March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your endorsement No. 243 dated the 20th March 1933, I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed that Government have no objection to Doctors Ramnathan and Desai of the Meteorological Department giving him instructions in the use of an astronomical telescope for about half an hour on any week day before 6-15 p.m. but that for the reasons given in Government letter No. S.D. 1027

dated the 9th March 1933, they cannot be allowed to remain inside the jail premises after that hour.
I have etc.,

(Sd.).....,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 260 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 24th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for note and communication as directed.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 225 dated 20th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

No. S.D. 1889
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 24th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

Mr. S. Salivati,
Special Correspondent,
The *Daily Herald* of London,
C/o Thomas Cook & Son, Bombay.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 15th March 1933, asking for permission to interview Mr. Gandhi in order to ascertain his views on the Indian political question, I am directed to invite your attention to the statements of Government policy made from time to time as, for instance, that by the Honourable the Home Member of the Government of India in reply to a short notice question by Mr. B. Das in the Legislative Assembly on the

7th November 1932, in regard to the restrictions on Mr. Gandhi's participation in the discussion of political questions. I am to state that consistently with this policy Government are unable to accede to your request.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1896
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 24th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I. C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter to Mr. Gandhi from, Mr. Motilal Roy of Calcutta and its enclosure which were received with your endorsement No. 225 dated the 18th March 1933, I am directed to inform you that they may be delivered.

I have etc.,

(Sd.),.....
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 243 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 24th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter received from Mr. C. F. Andrews, for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi and to enquire whether the same may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 241 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 24th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 242 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 24th March 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 245 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th March 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 246 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Rt. Hon. Lansbury. Bow, London and to enquire whether the same may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent.
Yeravda Central Prison.

Rt. Hon. Lansbury, Bow London.
My condolences.

GANDHI.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

No. 2623 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th March 1933

To
The Post Master, Poona.
Sir,

With reference to your letter No. T.L. 2-60 dated 14th March 1933 I have the honour to inform you that the wire sent by New York History Society was delivered to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 2624 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th March 1933

To
The Post Master, Poona.
Sir,

With reference to your letter No. dated 10th March 1933, I have the honour to inform you that the letter sent by Mr. R. N. Mandlik was delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 247 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th March 1933

From

Major. M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;
Major S. R. Prall, M.D., I.M.S.,
Acting Civil Surgeon, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Surgeon General, Poona, in his Memo. No. S. 198-B/Confl. dated 19th January 1932, we have the honour to state that we conjointly examined State prisoner Mohandas Gandhi and Vallabhbhai Patel on 25th March 1933, and found them in good health.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.).....,
Major, M.D., I.M.S.,
Acting Civil Surgeon, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 270 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 25th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his confl. No. 219 dated 17th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 287 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Camp Bombay : 26th March 1933

From

Mr. S. Salivati,
Special Correspondent,
The *Daily Herald* of London,
C/o Thos. Cook & Son, Bombay ;

To

The Secretary,
The Home Department,
The Government of Bombay, Bombay.

Sir,

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of the 24th instant inviting my attention to the statement of the Government's policy regarding facilities to interview Mr. Gandhi.

If I read correctly the reply given by the Hon'ble the Home Member of the Government of India to Mr. B. Das on November 7th last, none will be allowed to discuss with Mr. Gandhi Indian political questions until the terms mentioned in the letter written by the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy to Moulana Shakaut Ali are complied with. The Viceroy would willingly permit interviews on non-political subjects like untouchability.

The British United Press, through their allied organisation W.P.A. London, has instructed me to approach your Government for permission to see Mr. Gandhi on an absolutely non-political subject which has nothing to do with India at all.

The Central European situation is rather intriguing. The British United Press thinks that a couple of hundred words from Mr. Gandhi on ' what should be done to avoid a new war' will be read with much amusement.

The question is purely of academical interest, nothing to do with the Indian political question.

Will your Government be pleased to grant me necessary permission to interview Mr. Gandhi on the above question of human interest and oblige ?

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Yours obediently,

(Sd.) S. SALIVATI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1938
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 27th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell. Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 254, dated the 22nd March 1933, regarding Mr. Gandhi's request that arrangements may be made for the examination of Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel by Dr. Deshmukh and a nose specialist selected by the latter, I am directed to state that Government approve of the proposals made by the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, in the last paragraph of his letter No. Confl. 229, dated the 21st instant, for the examination of Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel in the first instance by the Civil Surgeon, Poona, and the nose specialist attached to the Sassoon Hospital. If, in the light of the report of this examination, Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel asks for a consultation with Dr. Deshmukh, his request will be further considered by Government.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 273 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 28th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for necessary action. This has a reference to his Confl. letter No. 229, dated 21st March 1933.

(Sd) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 248 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 27th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to Head Office Confl. No. 220 dated 16th March 1932, I have the honour to state that the behaviour of the C. D. O. prisoners has been good.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1940
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 27th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 269 dated the 25th March 1933 I am directed to return herewith the telegram addressed by Mr. Gandhi to ' Rt. Hon. Lansbury ' Bow, London and to state that it may be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,

(Sd.).....,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 271 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 28th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal. This has a reference to his confidential No. 246 dated 25th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 257 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 29th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 255 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith two letters from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of disposal, one addressed to you and another to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 254 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that a telescope and a pair of binoculars have been received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

The telescope has got a stand about 5 feet in height. It is fairly heavy. There is another stand (height about 5 feet) a tripod, for the binoculars. The binoculars themselves are about 5 ft. in length.

I would like to be informed if they should be delivered to Mr. Gandhi. They will have to be kept under lock and key when not in use.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 272 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 28th March 1933

Received with compliments.

As Government has granted State prisoner Gandhi certain facilities in this connection, I see no reason why the optical instruments referred to above should be withheld.

They should therefore be handed to Mr. Gandhi who should make his own arrangements for safe custody. The jail cannot be expected to issue and receive these expensive instruments from store as required.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 258 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 29th March 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/26 of 1933

ORIENTAL TRANSLATOR'S OFFICE

Secretariat, Bombay, 28th March 1933

From

Abdul Kadir Muhammad Hussain, Esquire, J. P.,
Oriental Translator to Government ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to return herewith the undated and anonymous Gujrathi communication for the State prisoner M. K. Gandhi received with your confidential letter No. 233 of the 22nd instant, together with a summarised English translation thereof.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) MD. HUSSAIN,

Oriental Translator to Government.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 259 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 29th March 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to me.

Mr. Gandhi was allowed frequent interviews with prisoner Jamnalal Bajaj as allowed by Government *vide* Government letter No. S.D. 7639, dated 17th December 1932.

Now he wishes to correspond freely with Jarnnalal Bajaj. I told him that the matter will have to be referred to Government for orders, before he starts his correspondence.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from M. K. Gandhi addressed to me.

State prisoner M. K. Gandhi was allowed frequent interviews with prisoner J. B. as allowed by the Government (*vide* given within.) Now he wishes to correspond freely with the J. B. I told him that the matter will have to be referred to Government for orders before he starts his correspondence.

VERY URGENT

Summarised translation

A request to Mahatma Gandhi

It is the beauty of the age that the limits of religion have been transgressed. English education is responsible for this result. During the Muslim rule the Hindu temples used to be destroyed and so the Hindus concealed and installed their idols wherever they could owing to their tyranny. For the sake of five or six crores of untouchables a great propaganda is being carried on and effort is made to merge them in the high class Hindus and to get temples thrown open to them. This attempt must be thankfully thought out. It is likely to spread untold unhappiness and calamity among the Hindus to a greater extent than the joy it may give to the untouchables. You should calmly reflect over it again and again. This is an unparalleled calamity to true friends and brothers. Please explain your viewpoint through the Press.

As temples are likely to be in danger idols will be concealed wherever possible. (This is the sample as to how the Hindus will unite and conduct Swaraj). The Muslim rule was despised. But, Bapuji, the present state of affairs is due to you. Bapuji, you may do good to the untouchables in this age. But the result will be that the Hindu community will be put to a loss of crores and there will be destruction of religion and calamities everywhere when there is too much dissensions and enmity among the masses. Bapuji, such should not be your Swaraj.

Bapuji, collect all the idols in the temples of those Hindus who are unwilling to welcome the untouchables and worship them yourself so that India may be happy and under the influence of your austerity the idol worship may cease, the high caste Hindus and untouchables may become united, there may remain no distinction of caste or creed and ultimately the Hindus of India may achieve happiness and you may become famous throughout the world.

The Hindu and Muslim children of the whole of India receive education with the help of the revenue of the Excise Department. Under the influence of such an education the Kaliyuga is fast advancing.

Where is the guarantee that as a result of this step of yours the untouchables who were becoming converts to Christianity and to other faiths will stop entering the fold of other religions ?

Chapter on your fast

You preach the boycott of British goods as the first step to the advancement of India. But on the contrary it is to be regretted that your fast has cost to the Hindu community lakhs of rupees on telegrams, telephone messages, post and railway fares. Reflect, who has been benefited by it.

You started the campaign of breaking the salt law. The wise Government remained silent and watched it. At last, making use of its power it raised the price for it, brought down the taxable income from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 1,000, raised the rate for it, doubled the postal rates, increased the telegram rates and enhanced also other taxes. Bapuji, look at what the discreet Government has quietly done. Bapuji, look at the calamity that has befallen India. Taxation has not decreased but has increased.

The time has come for the complete ruin of the Hindus in matters of wealth and religion. And the Muslim community has been advancing rapidly which is, indeed, a matter of gratification.

Narsinh Mehta washed (with cowdung) a spot near the *tulso kyara* in the *dhedvada*, sat there and endeavoured to reform the untouchables by singing the praises of God. Bapuji, it is desirable that you should do accordingly.

Valiyo, a Koli and an archer, rose from that rank to that of Valmiki Rishi by means of a *guru mantra*. Bapuji, give a similar *guru mantra* to the untouchables and make them fit. It is only then that you will be regarded as one who has done good to them. Otherwise, you will be doing great harm to them and to the high caste Hindus as well. The untouchables will never be able to do good to themselves. " Gold will never be pewter and pewter will aever be gold." Bapuji, think over and over again about the future. There is yet time. Nothing has been lost. Do not wrongly interfere with those who follow their own religious observances, do not be harmful to religion, do not bring a stigma on your greatness. The higher class community is being sacrificed. The untouchables may be uplifted, but rest assured that in future

the whole India will become convert to Christianity. That will be the result of the course adopted by you. That is the prophecy (I make).

Bapuji, having regard to your pursuit after truth, and to the rules of conduct and austerity you observe I bow to the Almighty and say, victory to Mother India. Great Kings were afraid of Rishis and saints of the past age and respected them. But the present age is one of *tantra* (and not of *mantra*). Great Rishis and saints established *ashrams*, gave instructions (in various subjects) and did good (to the community). If instruction in truth is given on these principles, then only the Hindu religion may be reformed in future and be perpetuated. Such *ashrams* are specially needed. What requires to be really done is this. The good of the future and rising generation be achieved in that way ; otherwise as we sow, so we shall reap ; as we think, so we shall speak. Collect crores of rupees and establish thousands of *ashrams*, It is then only, Bapuji, that you will prove to be blessing to the country.

Bapuji, establish places for educating the untouchables, erect temples for them, teach them manners and rules of good conduct by providing good teachers who will give them lessons on true morality.

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Mahatmaji, from the beginning you preached the boycott of the councils. Remember those utterances of yours. You now turn aside and advise people to go to the councils. But the ruling authority has kept in its hands the true key (to the whole situation). Nothing is likely to be gained. It does not matter if the trade is ruined. But think deeply before religion is destroyed. After evil is once done, it will not be possible to set it right. Think and rectify the mistake. Set right what has been left.

Takli spinning, flag hoisting, taking out *prabhat pheris* and processions, holding of meetings, salt making where are all these activities ? Such will similarly be the fate of the ' temple entry' movement. Do not destroy religion by devising means to unite all people at once and putting religious matters in the hands of the legislatures and the rulers. Crores who have by great effort attained high status (spiritually) are being ruined. Hearts of crores are being broken. Act so that there may be a true realisation that nonviolence is the greatest religion. What is destined to happen will happen. But, Bapuji, do not be instrumental in doing wrong things in the closing years of your life. What you think will not happen at all. What has been destined by God will happen. The roots of religion have gone deep. Poison is being poured into them. The Almighty will never allow any harm being done to it or allow it to be deteriorated.

Vande Mataram from
a son of India.

(Sd.),

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 260 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 29th March 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons visited State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 21st March 1933 to 27th March 1933.

Name	Address
21st March, Tuesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
D. V. Patel	Ram Niwas, Bombay.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Mrs. V. L. Pandit	Poona Hotel, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Associated Press of India.
S. K. Shindkar	Sevasadan, Poona.
C. G. Agashe	28, Shukrawar, Poona-2.
G. R. Limaye	Sevasadan, Poona, 899, Sadashiv-peth.
H. G. Lagu	1, Shukrawar, Poona.
V. P. Dongre	1, Shukrawar, Poona.
H. G. Phatak	650, Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Shankar Narayan Joshi	749, Sadashiv, Poona.
Purshottam Govind Mate	Tilak Road, Poona.
D. V. Kale	312, Sadashiv, Poona.
22nd March, Wednesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Mrs. V. L. Pandit	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Elisabeth Meyer	Napier Hotel, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.

Name	Address
23rd March, Thursday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Keshav Gandhi	Poona.
Velaben	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I., Poona.
24th March, Friday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Mrs. V. L. Pandit	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Ronald Freeman	Poona, C. S. S. Ashrama.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
25th March, Saturday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	53, Mint Road, Fort.
Mathuradas Trikumji	53, Mint Road, Fort.
Hemlata Amarchand	53, Mint Road, Fort.
Kusum Amarchand	53, Mint Road, Fort.
Dileep Kumar	Carnac Street, Bombay.
Usuf Meheralli	Poona Hotel, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I. Poona.
Mrs. V. L. Pandit	Tilak Road, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Datar Building, Opp. P. Y. C. Hindu
R. Shastri	Gymkhana, Poona-4.
H. S. L. Polak	London.
P. Kodand Rao	Poona.
26th March, Sunday :	
27th March, Monday :	
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
Ala Pocha	8, Napier Road, Poona.
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 280 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 30th March 1933

MEMORANDUM

In confirmation of my telephone message of 10 p.m. of the 29th instant.

State prisoner M. K. Gandhi should be informed that permission has been received from Government for him to despatch the telegram, previously withheld, addressed to ' Bachhraj, Wardha'.

His request to address prisoner Poonamchand through the Home Member, Central Provinces, is refused.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1997
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 30th March 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 274, dated the 28th March 1933, and in confirmation of the orders of Government communicated to you by telephone yesterday evening, I am directed to state that Mr. Gandhi is permitted to send the telegram to ' Bachhraj, Wardha' Which was returned to you with my letter No. S.D. 1153, dated the 16th instant, but his request to be put in direct communication with prisoner

Punamchand Ranka, through the Honourable the Home Member, Central Provinces, cannot be allowed. Mr. Gandhi should be so informed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 284 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 31st March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information in continuation of this office confidential memorandum No. 280, dated 30th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I. M.S.,
Inspector General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2018
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 31st March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 264, dated the 25th March 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter dated the 4th idem from C. F.

Andrews addressed to Mr. Gandhi together with its encloser and to say that it should be delivered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 286 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 1st April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal. This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 243, dated 24th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

Please return retaining the accompaniment.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/273 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 3rd April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.),

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 266 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 31st March 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Birla for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi. In this letter Mr. Birla has asked Mr. Gandhi's advice about reconversion of certain people to Hinduism. As the subject appears to be controversial the letter is being forwarded to you for orders.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 2003

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 31st March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

Mr. S. Salivati,
Special Correspondent,
The *Daily Herald* of London,
C/o Thomas Cook & Son, Bombay.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 26th March 1933, I am directed to inform you that the restrictions on press interviews with Mr. Gandhi have been relaxed only in connection with his work for the removal of untouch-ability and that interviews on any other subjects are not permitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2003-A
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 31st March 1933

Copy together with copies of the correspondence cited in the margin

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The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency,
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.)
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 268 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 1st April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith two letters received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from (1) Mrs. Dhanawati Ranka, and (2) Shri Krishnadas, Wardha, and to enquire whether the same may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 267 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 1st April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith two letters from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, and addressed to you and the other to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 269 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 1st April 1933

To

The Oriental Translator with the Government of Bombay,
Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written in Tamil for favour of translation and early return.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.).....,
for Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/30 of 1933
ORIENTAL TRANSLATOR'S OFFICE
Secretariat, Bombay, 3rd April 1933

From

Abdul Kadir Muhammad Hussain, Esquire, J. P.,
Oriental Translator to Government;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Yeravda,
Poona 6.

Sir,

In returning herewith untranslated the letter in Tamil received with your letter No. Confl. 269, dated the 1st instant I have the honour to inform you that no one in this office is conversant with that language.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) A. K. Md. HUSSAIN,
Oriental Translator to Government.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 270 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter and its English translation received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, from Shri Krishnadas Jaju,

Wardha, and to enquire whether the same may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2043
 HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
 Bombay Castle, 3rd April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, I.C.S., C.I.E.,
 Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
 Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 285 dated the 1st April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter from Mr. Ghanashyamdas Birla to Mr. Gandhi and to state that it may be delivered. I am to request that if Mr. Gandhi should send a reply to this letter, it should be referred to Government for orders.

I have etc.,

(Sd.),

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
 Home Department.

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for action as directed by Government.

This has a reference to his confidential No. 266 dated 31st March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
 Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 284 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 6th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/271 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a telegram written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to the Superintendent, Belgaum Central Prison for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 297 of 1933
Poona, 3rd April 1933

Received with compliments. This may be allowed to go on.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Major, I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 276 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2041
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 3rd April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that it is reported that Mr. F. Theo. Rogers of the Philippines Free Press' who is expected to visit India shortly intends to seek an interview with Mr. Gandhi. The Consul for the United States of America at Bombay who approached Government on his behalf has been informed that an interview cannot be allowed. I am to request that if an application for an interview is made direct to you it should be refused.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Copy to Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2039
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 3rd April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to my letter No. S.D. 2018, dated the 31st March 1933, in which you were authorised to deliver to Mr. Gandhi the letter dated the 4th idem with its enclosures addressed to him by Mr. C. F. Andrews I am directed to request that if Mr. Gandhi should send a reply to this letter it should be referred to Government for orders.

I have etc.,

(Sd.).....,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 299 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 5th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for action as directed by Government. This has a reference to the correspondence ending with his No. C/273, dated 3rd April 1933.

Please return retaining accompaniments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 283 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 6th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. SD. 2062
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 4th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 290, dated the 2nd April 1933, I am directed to inform you that Government have no objection *to Dr. Syed Fakhruddin Hussain Khan*, President of the Organization Committee for Hindustan's proposed 'Health Center', being permitted to interview Mr. Gandhi in connection with the work of the *Health Center*.

I have etc.,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 301 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 5th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and guidance.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 277 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, during the week from 28th March 1933 to 3rd April 1933.

Name	Address
28th March, Tuesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
P. N. Driver	Sholapur Road, Poona.
Mrs. V. L. Pandit	Poona Hotel.
Miss K. Nehru	Poona Hotel.
Anandi Asar	Tilak Road, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Associated Press, Poona.
29th March, Wednesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	' Parnakuti', Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I., Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Anandi Asar	Ashrama, Sabarmati.
Mrs. Shastri	Datar's Building, Poona.
30th March, Thursday :	
N.K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	' Parnakuti', Poona.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
R. Sastri	Servants of India Society.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
Anandi Asar	Tilak Road, Poona.
C. Rajgopalachariar . .	' Gandhi Ashrama', Tiruchengodu, (C/o Lady Thakersey, Poona).
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.

Name	Address
31st March, Friday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	' Parnakuti', Poona.
K. A. D. Naoroji	Bombay.
S. P. Jeejeebhoy	Bombay.
N. D. Captain	Bombay.
Mathuradas Trikumji	53, Mint Road, Fort.
Lilabai	Parnakuti, Poona.
C. Rajgopalachariar	Parnakuti, Poona.
Shemkaram	Parnakuti, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Anandi Asar	Tilak Road, Poona.
1st April, Saturday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
Anandi Asar	Tilak Road, Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
A. M. Peterson	Porto Novo.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I., Poona.
2nd April, Sunday :	
3rd April, Monday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Mrs. Byram N. Khambatta	275, Hornby Road, Bombay.
Byram N. Khambatta	275, Hornby Road, Bombay.
Raihana Tyabji	C/o Nanavati, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I., Poona.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 278 of 19.33
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

*Ref. :—*Home Department (Political) Confidential No. S.D. 2041,
dated 3rd April 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that Mr. F. Theo Rogers approached me some time ago through the local correspondent of the ' Times of India ', requesting for an interview with Mr. Gandhi. But the interview was refused.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona ;

From

J. G. Thakar,
Opposite Custom House,
Curch Anjar.

Dated 5th April 1933
(Wednesday)

To

The Private Secretary,
To His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Bombay.

Dear Sir,

I the undersigned most humbly request you to ask His Excellency to interest himself on my behalf and get me permission to get admitted in the Yeravda Central Prison, simply to see or have Darshan of Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

The reason is that I have a longstanding vow to fulfil by having his Darshan and I hoped against hope that he will soon be released and there would be

no need to see him in prison. I have no talks to enter into with him ; nor am I political. It is simply a social vow which is fulfilled as soon as I see him with my eyes personally.

I am put to great trouble unless I get his Darshan soon. Truth to say my marriage stands pending until then. The Superintendent, Yeravda Jail refused me permission and hence I had to trouble you to kindly get favourable orders of His Excellency, to whom I shall remain ever obliged if graciously he accedes to my trivial request.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Faithfully yours,

(Sd.) JADAVJI GAGOO THAKAR,
of Cutch Anjar.

Address :

Jadavji Gagoo Thakar,
Opp. Customs, Cutch Anjar.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2074
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 5th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the three letters noted in the margin addressed to Mr. Gandhi which accompanied your endorsements No. 239 and No. 293, dated the 2nd and 3rd April 1933, respectively, I am directed to state that they should be delivered.

1. Letter dated the 27th March 1933 from Mrs. Dhanawati Ranka.
2. Letter dated the 30th March 1933 from Shiri Krishnadad Wardha.
3. Letter dated the 1st April 1933 from Shri Krishnadas, Wardha.

I have the honour etc.,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 305 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 7th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for necessary action.

This has a reference to his confidential Nos. 268 and 270 dated 1st and 3rd April 1933, respectively.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

No. 2865 of 1933
BELGAUM CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th April 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Belgaum Central Prison ;
To
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have received a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi regarding non-receipt of letters by female prisoner Maniben Patel; during February and March 1933, the months concerned, only one letter was received on the 24th March, for prisoner Maniben Patel from her father State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel and no other letters were received in these two months either from her father or from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi. I shall be glad if you can kindly ascertain from State prisoners M. K. Gandhi and Vallabhbhai Patel, the approximate dates in February and March 1933, on which any letters were sent by them to prisoner Maniben Patel at this prison so that enquiries may be made from the Postal authorities.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) ,
Superintendent,
Belgaum Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 281 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 6th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, from Jaju, Wardhaganj, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

4, Ferozshah Road,
New Delhi, 7th April 1933.

My dear Sir,

In connection with the talk I had with you this morning, I send you an invitation which I wish to send to Mahatma M. K. Gandhi, requesting him to contribute an article for the Commemoration Volume in connection with the Dayanand Ardh Shatabdi. I do not want him to write anything having any bearing on politics. If even this be objectionable, I am prepared to modify para. 4 of my letter and omit the last 13 words of it and substitute in their place the words 'the uplift of the untouchables'. I would also cut out from the list of subjects all items, or tear out the 2nd leaf of the printed invitation. I hope and beg you will help us in getting Mahatma Gandhi's contributions to the volume in any form you like of course I will send the invitation to you to be sent on to the Superintendent of the Yeravda Jail.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) HAR BILAS SARDA.

The Honourable Sir Harry Haig, K.C.S.I.,
Home Member, Government of India, New Delhi.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 289 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Political), Confidential No. S.D. 2039 dated 3rd April 1933, forwarded under Head Office, Confidential No. 299 dated 5th April 1933, I have the honour to send herewith the reply from Sate prisoner M. K. Gandhi to the letter from Mr. C.F. Andrews, for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 288 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to Home Department (Pol.), Confidential No. S.D. 2043 dated 3rd April 1933, forwarded by you under No. Confidential 300 dated

5th April 1933, I have the honour to send herewith the reply from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to the letter from Mr. Ghanshyamdas Birla for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 282 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th April 1933

From
Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir.

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, from ' Dhanawatibai Ranka ', Nagpur, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 286 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th April 1933

From
Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from Mr. C. F. Andrews, Woodbroke, Selly Oak, Birmingham, for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for information and orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

I herewith enclose a letter from Mr. C. F. Andrews for Mr. M. K. Gandhi for information and orders.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 290 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments for delivery to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 3046 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Belgaum Central Prison.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 2865 dated 5th April 1933, I have the honour to inform you that State prisoners M. K. Gandhi and Vallabhbhai Patel state that they had written letters to ' B ' Class female prisoner Maniben

Patel in the middle of February, beginning of March and middle of March. No such letters have been withheld by this office.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2108
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 8th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, I.C.S., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the telegrams dated the 6th April 1933 addressed to Mr. Gandhi by (1) Dhanawati Ranka, Nagpur, and (2) Jaju, Wardhaganj, which were received with your endorsement reply Nos. S. 307 and 308 dated the 7th idem, I am directed to inform you that they may be delivered.

I have etc.,
(Sd.)
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 312 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 9th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for delivery.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 292 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to me. He refers to certain letters that were forwarded to Government for orders as they were about a prisoner Poonamchand in C. P. Jail, who is on hunger strike. They were delivered to him as soon as they were received from your office,

In my opinion, it was necessary that the Government should be informed about these letters as they were about a prisoner confined in a jail outside the Bombay Presidency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Dated 9th April 1933

Pujyashree,

I received your letter of the 7th April 1933 and glad to note its contents. Now should I send my letter together with Miraben's letter in the same envelope or in a separate cover ? Miraben got her letter on Monday and I got the letter on Friday as I was not entitled. The letter was kept in the office for four days which was without a cover. So if you write a letter in a separate cover, I may get it with a cover. Do as you like.

Dr. Hariprasad's son's name is Indrawadan. He is the eldest son of Dr. Hariprasad. He is also a Doctor. He is married in Ahmedabad after the establishment of the Congress. This talk is of before ten years. My Secretary's name is Mahendraben. She has come here second time in Sabarmati Mandir. She has studied English up to Standard VI. At present she is twenty-six years old. You told Laxmi to marry from the beginning. Let all other girls put on every thing while Laxmi should not. I have nothing to give her.

Now you are totally against Laxmi. You can do whatever you like for Laxmi. We shall talk more when we shall see each other. May God bless them is the only prayer of mine.

I am very glad to learn that Anandi is getting well now. Laxmidasbhai had come to call on me on 31st ultimo. He said they are well and they will be in Ashram within a day or two. Panditji, Durgaben and Lilavati asked me if you knew anything about Keshi and Anandi. I replied in affirmative. Laxmidas was very sad so I did not ask him anything about the matter but shy. Miraben received your letter just now and I have noted your views regarding Ashram. Miraben's thoughts are very pure. We have to improve all. This can be done after this Mahabharat battle is over. My compliments to Velaben and Anandi. I hope Kakasaheb will be coming to you for Harijan's work. My compliments to him. Parvati and Pragji might have come in Bombay. I get Gujarati *Harijan*. Swamp and Krishna are in Poona. Perhaps Swarup will come to you after a few days. Sarojini's daughter is in Poona. You may convey my compliments to them if they come to see you. Devidas will come to see you within a few days. I also hope he will come for an interview with me. I do not know where Kanti is ? Please let me know if you know where he is Narandas informs me nothing when he comes for an interview. Nimu is in Vijapur. Kashi was alone uptill now but now she will feel better due to Nimu's company. Bhai Chhaganlal is a good natured fellow. He might be nursing the children well. I had read letter of Manilal and Sushila written from South Africa. They are happy there. Convey my compliments to them when you happen to write a letter to them. Have you received any letter from Madhavdas ? I do not know how he keeps his health now. If Devidas comes, he will let me know. It will be a matter of profound regret to us if Keshu, Shantak and Radha leave the Ashram. They worked much in the Ashram. Also Maganlal sacrificed his life for the sake of Ashram. So it is not fair on our part if his family goes away from the Ashram. Chhaganlal also left the Ashram. Now who will be in Ashram if his family goes away from the Ashram ? Now there are Dhuru and Navin in the Ashram. Radha told me that Keshu was very angry. Damodarabhai has treated Santokben as his mother. It is common knowledge that boys want everything when they grow up. We had enjoyed also. The people did not like the habits and manners of the Ashram. I believe, Keshu will turn out a good lady by your favour. May God not divide her from us. After all God is great. I love that family very much and they love me in return. I learnt that Bhai Jamnalalji had come for an interview with you. Will you please let me know whether he was a convict or released at the time of an interview with you ? I also learnt that Jankiben had come to see you. Please convey my compliments to Laxmi and Papa when you write to them. May the Almighty bestow upon them a long life. Miraben, I and all are happy here. Compliments from all. Let me wish Rajaji happy. He is working much for

Harijan. My Secretary Mahindraben has paid her compliments to you. She is due for release on 15th instant.

My compliments to Vallabhbhai, Mahadev and Chhaganlal Joshi. My blessings to all.
Please let me know if it is clear to you about Dr. Hariprasad son's history.

True copy.

(Sd.),
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

New Delhi, 10th April 1933

My dear Diwan Bahadur,

I have considered the question raised in your letter of the 7th April in which you have explained that you wish to request Mr. Gandhi to contribute an article for the Commemoration Volume in connection with the Dayanand Ardha Shatabdi. Government have allowed Mr. Gandhi considerable latitude for prosecuting his movement in connection with the depressed classes. But it is to be remembered that he is still a State prisoner, and as such it does not seem to me right that he should be invited to contribute an article for a Commemoration volume, even if it is confined to non-political topics. I am sorry to cause you disappointment, but I feel that you will realise our point of view.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. H. HAIG.

Diwan Bhadur Har Bilas Sarda M.L.A.,
4, Ferozshah Road.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 295 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Yeravda, 10th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2111
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 10th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 228 dated the 1st April 1933 with which you forwarded a letter of the same date from Mr. Gandhi who, while thanking Government for the permission given to him to send the telegram to ' Bachhraj, Wardha' regarding prisoner Punamchand Ranka's fast, says that the permission does not dispose of the larger issue discussed in his letter of the 23rd March and asks for a decision on this point. I am to state that it is presumed that the ' larger issue ' referred to is the right which he claims to be allowed to intervene on behalf of prisoners incarcerated in any jail in or outside this Presidency on the strength of certain concessions allowed to him by Government in 1922, 1923, 1930 and during his present incarceration in respect of interviews with fellow prisoners incarcerated in the Yeravda Central Prison.

2. In reply, I am to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed as follows :—

The concessions referred to by Mr. Gandhi were or have been made with respect to each particular occasion and the circumstances connected with it. Thus the concession allowed to Mr. Gandhi in 1923 (not in 1922) to see two *fellow* prisoners who had gone on hunger strike was made as a very special case and mainly in consideration of the fact that Mr. Gandhi was at the time an ordinary convict in the same jail. This concession however had reference to the particular incident and any concession allowed to Mr. Gandhi during the period of that incarceration of course ceased with all other arrangements ordinary or special, then existing when he was subsequently released.

The second concession has reference to the period of his detention as a State prisoner in 1930-31. On this occasion Mr. Gandhi having read newspaper accounts of alleged ill-treatment of some fellow prisoners in the Yeravda Jail asked in September 1930 to be allowed to see occasionally prisoner Pyarelal Bindrabin who was his constant companion before his internment and other Civil Disobedience prisoners in the jail. Government were not disposed to allow his latter request but permitted him to see

Pyarelal and that only to give him an opportunity to satisfy himself that Pyarelal was not in bad health. Mr. Gandhi, however, later modified his request to be permitted to see only his friends who were reported to be suffering from illness, ill-treatment or were reported to have so suffered. This request was conceded subject to the condition that ordinarily there should not be more than one such interview per week. It is clear that this concession was made in special circumstances and that it only applied to the period of that particular confinement which terminated on 26th January 1931.

As for the concession made during his present incarceration, Mr. Gandhi is aware that it was not allowed as a matter of course from the date of his admission into the jail but that he made a specific request in his letter of 16th February 1932 that he might be permitted to get into touch with his co-workers in the Yeravda jail adding ' I have no desire to have any political discussion with them. I can have no idea whatsoever of interfering with Jail Discipline'. In view of this undertaking his request was granted on the following conditions :—

1. Interviews to be permitted with not more than three prisoners at one time and not oftener than once in two weeks.
2. The interviews not to be treated by either side as a means of enquiring into the treatment of conduct of other prisoners in the jail. The jail arrangements discipline and political subjects not to be discussed.
3. The interviews to take place in the office of the Superintendent of the prison.
4. Interview time 20 minutes.

It is clear from the terms of this concession that there was no intention to continue as a matter of course the concession made during the previous confinement and that it was entirely a fresh concession applicable only to Civil Disobedience prisoners in the Yeravda jail. Government are unable to extend this concession so as to cover direct communication between him and prisoners in jails other than Yeravda.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 294 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 10th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to me and a telegram addressed to Seth Poonamchand, prisoner, District Jail, Khandwa, for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 61 of 1933

AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Sabarmati, 11th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Ahmedabad ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A' Class prisoner No. 8313 Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi (translation in English accompanies) for favour of perusal and further disposal.

The letter contains reference to a female prisoner No. 7776 Mahendraben and to other prisoners now in Yeravda Central Prison which are not permitted as per rules.

I have etc.

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 299 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 297 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Nasik Road.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a mis sent confidential letter addressed to you received in this office on 11th April 1933.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2144
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 318, dated the 10th April 1933. I am directed to inform you that the message which Mr. Gandhi proposed to send to prisoner Poonamchand has been telegraphed to the Government of the Central Provinces with a request that if they see no objection it may be communicated to the prisoner. I am to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed accordingly.

2. The letter dated the 10th instant, from Mr. Gandhi to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, about the alleged delay in delivering to him two telegrams about Poonamchand Ranka is under the consideration of Government and orders will be communicated to you in due course.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 320 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 11th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.
This has a reference to his letter No. 267 dated 1st April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 301 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th April 1933

Returned with compliments.

The contents have been communicated to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2130
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 310 dated the 8th April 1933 I am directed to return herewith the letter from Mr. Gandhi to Mr. Ghanashyamdas Birla and to state that it may be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,

(Sd.),

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 322 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 12th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for favour of action. This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 288 dated 7th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Pradesh.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

No. 3116 of 1933

AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 11th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A' Class prisoner No. 8296 Miss Slade (Miraben) for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, for disposal.

The letter has been censored here by this office but it may please be censored again before delivering it to the prisoner in question.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

Bombay, 11th April 1933

From

G. R. Khan,
C/o H. H. Aga Khan's Bungalow,
Nesbit Road, Mazagaon, Bombay ;

To

The Secretary,
Home Department, Secretariat, Bombay.

Dear Sir,

I shall be very much obliged if you would kindly permit me and my cousin Mr. I. S. Haji, Bar-at-Law to interview M. K. Gandhi in Yeravda Jail at Poona on the 22nd April 1933.

The object of interview is to consult him regarding the will of my late father R. K. Khan. Bar-at-Law who died in Durban (South Africa) on 8th October 1932.

My father was a close friend of Mr. Gandhi and both of them were at one time practising together in South Africa and knew each others affairs.

I undertake not to discuss any political or other matter excepting my father's and my personal matters, and I assure the interview will not take long.

I shall thank you very much for sending the necessary permits for me and Mr. Haji as earlier as possible, as I intend sailing for South Africa by the first available boat.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I remain,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) G. R. KHAN.

Wardha, 11th April 1933

Seth Bachhraj Jamnalal, Wardha.

Telegraphic address :

'BACHHRAJ '.

To

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda.

Dear Sir,

We beg to enclose herewith a parcel way bill No. 4687/56 for a parcel containing fresh oranges with a request that you will kindly give this parcel to Mahatma Gandhiji who is in your jail and oblige.

Please excuse for the troubles and thanking you.

We are Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

for Bachhraj Jamnalal,

(Sd.).....

4, Ferozshah Road,
New Delhi,
12th April, 1933

My dear Sir,

I acknowledge your Demi-official Note of 10th April 1933. I am afraid I was not able to explain properly the object I had in view, when I wrote to you my letter of the 7th April, and I take the liberty to write to you again in the matter. I wish to ask Mahatma Gandhi to write an article for me on the question of untouchability pure and simple, and how to remove it in India. When Mahatma Gandhi is free to discuss the question of untouchability with every one who cares to go to him in the Yeravda Jail ; and when he is free every week to contribute to the *Harijan* (a weekly paper) articles on untouchability, I find it difficult to understand that you will not be able to see your way to allow him to write an article on untouchability and nothing but untouchability, for me. I trust now that I have made the matter quite clear, you will be able to grant my request and allow Mahatma Gandhi to write for me an article on Untouchability.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) HAR BILAS SARDA.

Sir Harry Haig, K.G.S.I., etc.,

Home Member, Government of India, New Delhi.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2158
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 12th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 309 dated the 8th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter dated the 16th March 1933 from Mr. C. F. Andrews to Mr. Gandhi and to state that it may be delivered. I am however to request that if Mr. Gandhi should send a reply to this letter, it should be referred to Government for orders.

I have etc.,

(Sd.).....,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Philadelphia Hospital
AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
Dated 12th April 1933

To

The Home Secretary to Government of
Bombay, Bombay.

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that permission for an interview with Mahatma Gandhi is obtained through you. I am an American, working as a medical missionary in a hospital in Ambala City, under the auspices of the American Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. I am to go on furlough this spring, sailing from Bombay May fifth.

Would it be possible for me to have permission to meet Mahatma Gandhi sometime the first week in May ? My only reason for desiring such an interview is that I know a great many questions will be asked to me in the U.S.A. about him and I should like to have some first hand information.

If you are willing to grant my request, will you be so good as to tell me what further steps I should take to carry out my plans.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) ELISABETH FARRA.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 324 of 1930
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 12th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for information with reference to his confidential No. 294 dated 10th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 303 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 300 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 12th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons visited State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 4th April 1933 to 10th April 1933.

Name	Address
4th April, Tuesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
P. S. Gopalan	Associated Press India.

Name	Address
5th April, Wednesday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A.P.I.
6th April, Thursday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
A. V. Thakkar	Servants of India Society, Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Ramanlal	Servants of India Society, Poona.
T. H. Shah	Servants of India Society, Poona.
7th April, Friday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Jamnalal Bajaj	Wardha.
Jankidevi Bajaj	Wardha.
Dhananjaya Deni	Walkeshwar Road, Bombay.
Keshav Gandhi	Poona, R. B. Goondlal.
P. S. Gopalan	A.P.I.
A. Macray	Times of India, Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
A. V. Thakkar	Servants of India Society, Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
8th April, Saturday :	
Jamnalal Bajaj	Wardha C. P.
Jankidevi Bajaj	Wardha C. P.
Nanu Pitho Jath	C/o Jamnalal Bajaj.
P. S. Gopalan	A.P.I.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
V. G. Joshi	Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Sadashiv Laxman Soman	Belgaum, Kelkarbag.
H. G. Phatak	650 Sadashiv, Poona.
9th April, Sunday :	
10th April, Monday :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Lallubhai Samaldas	Mubanabai, Andheri.
R. Shastri	Servants of India, Society.
P. S. Gopalan	A.P.I.

Name	Address
10th April, Monday— <i>contd.</i>	
Bhimrao Dhanji	143, Kamathipura, Poona Camp.
Miss Shakuntalabai	Dawayer Line No. 1943, Poona Camp.
A. Macray	Times of India, Poona.
P. Kodandrao	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison

Copy of confidential letter No. S.D. 2177, dated 13th April 1933 from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department (Political) to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona.

With reference to your endorsement No. 277 dated the 29th March 1933, regarding Mr. Gandhi's request to be allowed to correspond freely with prisoner Jamnalal Bajaj on matters of health and untouchability. I am directed to state that in view of prisoner Jamnalal's release from the Arthur Road Prison on the 5th instant on part payment of fine, the point raised by Mr. Gandhi does not now arise.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 339 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 15th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for information with reference to his confidential letter No. 259 dated 29th March 1933.

(Sd.).....,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. 327 of 1933

Poona, 12th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

The letter may be delivered after the objectionable passages have been deleted.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 305 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 13th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2145

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 12th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell. Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 311 dated the 8th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter dated the 7th April 1933 from Mr. Gandhi to Mr. C. F. Andrews, and to say that it may be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 332 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 13th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal. This has a reference to his confl. No. 289 dated 7th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

No. 1277 of 1933
TEMPORARY PRISON OFFICE
Visapur, 12th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Visapur Temporary Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by Fulchand Bapuji to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, together with its translation for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) P. L. O. QUINN,
Superintendent,
Visapur Temporary Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 330 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE

Poona, 13th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 286 dated 7th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 311 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 15th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 302 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 13th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 304 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 306 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a foreign Cable from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Mr. V. J. Patel, Care India Office, London, and. to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison,

FOREIGN CABLE

V. J. Patel,
 Care India Office, London.
 God spare you wire condition.

GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 310 of 1933
 YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
 Dated 14th April 1933

From
 Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To
 The Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In continuation of this office confidential No. 289 dated 7th April, I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Mr. C. F. Andrews, Birmingham, England, for favour of orders and information.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,

 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 3051 of 1933
 BELGAUM CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
 Dated 14th April 1933

From
 The Superintendent,
 Belgaum Central Prison ;

To
 The Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir.

With reference to your letter No. 3046 of the 8th instant, regarding letters written by State prisoners Vallabhbai Patel and M. K. Gandhi, I have the honour to inform you that no such letters were received from them addressed

to female prisoner 10249, B. Maniben Patel during the middle of February beginning of March and middle of March 1933. Enquiries are however being made from the Postal Authorities.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) F. B. PLUNKETT,
Superintendent,
Belgaum Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 312 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 15th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 2191
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 15th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

Mr. G. R. Khan,
H. H. the Aga Khan's Bungalow,
Nesbit Road, Mazagaon.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 11th April 1933, I am directed to inform you that the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, has been instructed to permit you and Mr. I. S. Haji, Bar-at-Law, to interview Mr. Gandhi on the 22nd instant in connection with your father's will on the conditions mentioned in your letter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 2192
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 15th April 1933

Copy together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to :—
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for information and guidance.
The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, for information.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.).....,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 313 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 15th April 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith following three letters received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of orders :—

1. Mr. Raja, Tiruchenagodu,
2. Mr. Ghanashyamdas Birla, Gwalior,
3. Mr. Harvey Bowman, Beatrice.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 3265 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 17th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A ' Class prisoner No. 8296 Miss Slade (Miraben) for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for disposal.

The letter has been censored here by this office but it may please be censored again before delivering it to the prisoner in question.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2221
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 18th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell. Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 329 dated the 24th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the cable from Mr. Gandhi to ' V. J. Patel, care India Office, London' and to state that there is no objection to its being allowed to go on, but it should first be suggested to Mr. Gandhi that it would probably obtain speedier delivery if sent to Mr. Patel's address or

that of a private friend. It may also be pointed out to him that it is reported in today's issue of the *Times of India* that Mr. Patel has left for Vienna.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 2222

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 18th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

Miss Elisabeth Farra, M.D., D.T.M. & H.,
Philadelphia Hospital,
American Presbyterian Mission,
Ambala City.

Madam,

With reference to your letter dated the 12th April 1933, asking for an interview with Mr. M. K. Gandhi, I am directed to inform you that Government *regret that they cannot accede to your request.*

I have the honour to be,

Madam,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 2223

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 18th April 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to : —

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.).....,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay
Home Department.

No. S.D. 2234

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 19th April 1933

To

Mr. Jadavji G. Thakar,
Opposite Custom House,
Cutch Anjar.

MEMORANDUM

With reference to his petition dated the 5th April 1933 addressed to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Jadavji G. Thakar is informed that his request for permission to see Mr. Gandhi *cannot be granted*.

By order of the Governor in Council,

R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 2235

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 19th April 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the petition to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to :—
The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2245

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 19th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the three letters addressed to Mr. Gandhi which were received with your endorsement No. 340 dated the 17th April 1933, I am directed to inform you that they may be delivered. I am however to request that if Mr. Gandhi should send a reply to Mr. Harry Bowman's letter, it should be referred to Government for orders.

I have etc.,

(Sd.).....,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 351 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 20th April 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of action as directed by Government.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 313 dated 15th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 346 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 19th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his No. 306 dated 13th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniment.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 319 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2239
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 19th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 334, dated the 15th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter dated the 13th idem from Mr. Gandhi to Mr. C. F. Andrews and to say that it may be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

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No. C. 318 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 19th April 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons visited State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, during the week from 11th April 1933 to 17th April 1933 : —

Name	Address
Dated 11th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
Dated 12th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Sarojini Naidu	Poona.
P. Kodandarao	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Dated 13th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Jiwanji D. Desai	Navajiwani Karyalaya, Bombay.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Dated 14th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Kikabhai Lavjibhai	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
Dudhabhai Trikamji	Saulanki, Jamalpur, Khandvisher, Ahmedabad.
Kantilal Chandulal	Sarangpur, Ahmedabad.
Premabhai Mithabhai	Bardud.

Name	Address
Dated 15th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
B. J. Deorukhkar	Parel, Bombay.
S. K. Chandorkar	Bombay-Kurla Swadeshi Mill, Chawl No. 3.
Mathuradas Trikamji	53, Mint Road, Fort, Bombay.
Narayan Nathu Sorate	Arya Bhushan Press, Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
Marutidas K.	Bardoli.
Laxmiben	Bardoli.
Kamaladevi Haridas Gandhi	Desai Wadi, Agra Road, Ghatkopar.
Hirji Virji Thakkar	Desai Wadi, Agra Road, Ghatkopar.
Maganben Hirji Thakkar	Desai Wadi, Agra Road, Ghatkopar.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Hari Ganesh Phatak	650, Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Sudha Bhat	650, Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Yeshodabai Bhat	650, Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
D. V. Patil	Nama Niwas, Parekh Street, Bombay.
Dated 17th April 1933 :	
Chhaganlal P. Mehta	No. 2, Laburnum Road, Gamdevi, Bombay.
Radial M. Sheth	No. 2, Laburnum Road, Gamdevi, Bombay.
Mrs. Padma Doshi	Pralhad Bhuwan, Ghatkopar.
Kantilal A. Doshi	Pralhad Bhuwan, Ghatkopar.
Mrs. Lilavati Chhaganlal	Pralhad Bhuwan, Ghatkopar.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Velji Govindji Desai	Grant Road, Bombay.
Ambaben Govindji Desai	Grant Road, Bombay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. T.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

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No. C. 320 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th April 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, C.I.D., Bombay Presidency, Poona, for information.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

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No. C/321 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government of Bombay, Home Department for favour of disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 352 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 20th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 310 dated 14th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

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No. C/322 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Dated 20th April 1933

State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel is suffering from chronic Rhinitis. Government has directed that he be examined by the Civil Surgeon and the nose specialist attached to the Sassoon Hospital. In the light of your report Government will consider the patient's requests for his own doctor to come from Bombay to see him. Could you please arrange a time convenient to you to visit and report on the prisoner's condition.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 321 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 323 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to No. S.D. 2158 dated 12th April 1933 from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to Mr. C. F. Andrews.

This is a reply to the letter which Mr. M. K. Gandhi received from Mr. Andrews.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

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D.O. No. D. 2707/33-Poll.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

HOME DEPARTMENT,

Simla, the 22nd April 1933.

My dear Maxwell,

I am desired to forward for information, a copy of the correspondence

1. Letter to the Hon'ble Home Member from Diwan Bahadur Har Bilas Sarda, M.L.A. dated the 7th April 1933, and enclosure.
2. Letter from the Hon'ble Home Member to Diwan Bahadur Har Bilas Sarda, M.L.A. dated the 10th April 1933
3. Letter to the Hon'ble Home Member from Diwan Bahadur Har Bilas Sarda, M.L.A. dated the 12th April 1933.

noted on the margin, which has passed between Diwan Bahadur Har Bilas Sarda M. L. A. and Honourable the Home Member, from which you will see that the former wishes to be permitted to request Mr. Gandhi to write an article on the uplift of the untouchables to be included in the Commemoration Volume in connection with the

Dayanand Ardha Shatabdi. The Government of India would be glad to know whether the local Government see any objection to the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. G. HALLETT

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department (Special).

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No. S.D. 2290
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 22nd April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 355 dated the 21st April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter dated the 21st idem from Mr. Gandhi to Mr. C. F. Andrews and to say that it may be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,

(Sd.),

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 360 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 24th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal. This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 323 dated 21st April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

No. 20/2367 of 1933
OFFICE OF THE CIVIL SURGEON
Dated 22nd April 1933

Subject.—Medical report on patients. Case of State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel

MEMORANDUM

In compliance with your request dated 20th April 1933, State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel was examined by Dr. Mandlik and myself on 21st April 1933 at 5-15 p.m.

State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel is suffering from Chronic Rhinitis.

A number of operations have been carried out on the nose during the last ten years. He was seen by Dr. Mandlik on 30th March 1933 and a course of treatment advised. This treatment has been carried out, and decided local improvement has been effected.

The only further radical treatment which might be suggested is an operation to cure the deflection of the septum which exists.

This would probably alleviate the symptoms but would not certainly cure him and further local treatment would be necessary.

(Sd.).....,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona.

To
The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda.

Civil Lines,
Ajmer, 23rd April 1933

To
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Dear Sir,

As I wish to pay my respects to Mahatma Gandhiji and to speak to him about the question of untouchability in Rajputana, and the two Untouchability and Temple entry Bills in the Central Legislature, I would ask you to permit me to see Mahatmaji. I will come to Poona on the 29th April and will like to have the interview in the afternoon. If that be not possible I would be glad if you would allow me admittance in the morning on the 30th of April. I shall talk to him only about untouchability.

Should there be any difficulty in giving me permission to see Mahatmaji I would deem it a favour if you would kindly give me timely intimation at the following address :—

HARBILAS SARDA, M.L.A.,
C/o Messrs. Champalal Ramsaroop,
Banker,
Johri Mansion, Kalbadevi Road,
Bombay.

I shall feel obliged if you will be so good as to have the enclosed letter delivered to Mahatma Gandhiji.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) HARBILAS SARDA.
M.L.A.

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No. 65 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 24th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A ' Class prisoner No. 8313 Kasrurba Gandhi (English Translation of the Gujrathi letter accompanies) for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of perusal and further disposal.

The last page written in Gujrathi is a letter meant for four (4) other persons and not for her husband. The idea is to send it to her husband who would probably send it in his correspondence to them. As this practice is not permissible as per rules it is suggested that the last page of this letter may kindly be withheld.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

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No. 367 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 25th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments ; the last page should be withheld as requested.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt. Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

No. 350 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 24th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A' Class prisoner No. 8296 Miraben (Miss Slade) for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for disposal.

The letter has been censored here by this office, but it may please be censored again before delivering it to the prisoner in question.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2297
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 24th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your endorsement Nos. 313 and 318 dated, respectively, the 9th and 10th April 1933, with which were forwarded for the orders of Government two letters from Mr. Gandhi addressed to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, dated the 8th and 10th idem, complaining of the delay in the delivery of three letters and two telegrams addressed to him about prisoner Punamchand's fast.

2. In reply, I am to say that it appears from Mr. Gandhi's letters that he has misinterpreted the orders of Government contained in Government letter No. S.D. 1997, dated the 30th March 1933, permitting him to send a telegram to 'Bachhraj, Wardha' about Punamchand, as giving him permission to correspond with third parties on the subject without restriction. Mr. Gandhi may be informed that his interpretation of the orders is incorrect, that those orders had reference to the particular telegram to 'Bachhraj, Wardha' and that the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, was therefore fully justified in referring the correspondence in question to Government for orders. It should be added that Government consider it necessary that they should see any other letters which he may receive or propose to write in future about Punamchand before deciding whether they should be delivered to him or allowed to go on to the addressees.

3. With reference to the exception taken by you to the use of the word 'explanation' in Mr. Gandhi's letter of the 10th instant, I am to say that, as pointed out above, Mr. Gandhi is evidently under a misapprehension in regard to the Superintendent's action in referring the correspondence in question to Government. Government therefore do not think it worth while to provoke further argument on that issue.

4. I am at the same time to refer to Mr. Gandhi's letter of the 12th instant forwarded with your letter No. 328, dated the 13th idem, in which he enquires, with reference to the orders issued in Government letter No. S.D. 2111, dated the 10th instant, "Does this mean that I am not now to exchange communications which I have hitherto carried on with prisoners in jails other than

Yeravda, and that in cases such as Seth Punamchand's I am not to be permitted to offer friendly intervention ? " I am to state that the latter point has already been disposed of by the orders in paragraph one above. As regards the first point, I am to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed that the orders in Government letter No. S.D. 2111, dated the 10th April 1933, are not intended to affect the concession hitherto allowed him of writing to other prisoners on matters unconnected with jail discipline and not otherwise objectionable, but that the delivery of such letters addressed to prisoners outside the Bombay Presidency is under the control of the local Government concerned.

5. In this connection I am to invite your attention to Government letter No. S.D. 2475, dated the 22nd March 1932, and to say that the orders issued therein authorising the Superintendent to withhold any letters which, on account of reference to political or jail matters or for other reasons, are considered to be objectionable should continue to be observed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 368 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 25th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and action. This has a reference to his confidential Nos. 294 and 303 dated 10th and 13th April 1933 respectively.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

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No. S.D. 2318
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 25th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 349, dated the 20th instant forwarding a letter, dated the 19th instant, from Mr. M. K. Gandhi, regarding the delay in the disposal of the cable which he desired to send to Mr. V. J. Patel. I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed in answer to his letter that the jail authorities were correct in referring for the orders of Government a telegram in which he sought to make use of the services, of the India office and that delay in such cases is unavoidable.

I have etc.,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

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No. S.D. 2312
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 25th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter dated the 22nd April 1933 from Mr. M. K. Gandhi to Mr. C. Rajgopalachariar which accompanied your endorsement No. 361 of the 24th idem, I am directed to state that it may be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,
(Sd.),
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

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No. 380 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 26th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for necessary action.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 325 dated 23rd April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 326 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 325 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 23rd April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, to Mr. C. Rajgopalchari and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 337 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 26th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

SABARMATI MANDIR

Pujyashree,

I received your letter and glad to read its contents. I shall exactly get the letter if you write it on 3rd May 1933 enclosed with Miraben's letter. I also like the same. You had written clearly regarding the acquaintance of Indrawadan but I am sorry I could not read it as the two lines were scored out. Indrawadan is a medical practitioner in Ahmedabad. He has got his hospital in Shahpur Mill. There was a letter from Laxmi on Narandasbhai addressed to me and he had told me the contents thereof. Both of them are happy there. Laxmi is happy with Maruti. May the Almighty bless them. This time Velaben, Maji and Amina had come to interview me. Velaben said Anandi is sometimes attacked by fever. Keshu will be happy because she is an active and smart girl. May God bestow on her good thoughts is the sincere prayer of mine. I am very glad to see Miraben a simple lady. She takes cabbage in the morning and vegetables (bhaji) in the evening daily. Besides it, she prepares a thick bhakri. She also, prepares one cake for me. She looks

after me very much. We read Hindi daily. My blessings to Prabhavati. Does she read English or Hindi ? Please do inform me. What is wrong with Surendraji and where is he ? There is no sign of recovery in Radha's health. It rests in the hands of God. I hope Rukmani's delivery will take place there. The youths of the present time think themselves to be wise but there is no objection if the delivery takes place outside the Ashram. I am very sorry to learn Jamnabai being attacked by fever while doing national service. Do write a letter, on Narandas. I told Miraben that there was a letter from her old Doctor. I eat everything. I cannot digest food properly. So the doctor gives me the medicine for digestion. I take liquid paraffin. Major Advani says perogatives are not good. This is good. Here constipation is very much. No appetite but I get appetite by this medicine. My mouth trouble is the same. I remember Shree Vallabhbhai, Mahadev and Chhaganlal Joshi. My compliments to them. We are happy here. Where is Devidas now ? Miraben is just in receipt of your letter. It is 3 O'clock now. I had read the contents regarding Jankiben in the newspaper. Jamnalalji has been released. His health was not well. How is he now. He has got pain in the ear. I have heard that the Doctor has advised him to take rest for three months. You state in my sister's letter that Kusum is very sick. You wrote compliments to Mahindra but now she is released.

My pranam to you,

BA.

[True copy.]

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 334 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 26th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from Bishop Francis J. McConnell, New York City and to inquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

If Mr. Gandhi wants to send reply to this letter kindly inform me whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 335 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 26th April 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 18th April to 24th April 1933.

Name	Address
18th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Chhaganlal P. Mehta	No. 2, Laburnum Road, Gamdevi, Bombay.
Ratilal M. Sheth	No. 2, Laburnum Road, Gamdevi, Bombay.
Kantilal A. Doshi	Pralhad Bhuvan, Ghatkopar.
Mrs. Padma Doshi	Pralhad Bhuvan, Ghatkopar.
Mrs. Lilavati Chhaganlal	Pralhad Bhuvan, Ghatkopar.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Rajavatma Devdas Viratma	Viratma Bhavan, Benares.
Chandrashekhar Bhibra	Viratma Bhavan, Benares.
19th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.

Name	Address
19th April 1933— <i>contd.</i>	
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
P. V. Thakersey	Parnakuti, Poona.
20th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
Parbhai Patel	Baroda.
D. V. Patel	Bombay.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Charylla	Guntur.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
21st April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parna Kuti, Poona.
S. M. Chavan	Rewachand Fatehdo Building.
Miss Sonutai S. Chavan	Bunder Road, Karachi.
Vithoba Kaloo Setti	Camp Karachi.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Ramchandrarao Timanna	
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
22nd April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Narmada Bhuskute	Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
I. S. Haji	11, High Court Chambers, Bombay.
G. R. Khare	H. H. Aga Khan's Bungalow.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Nila Nagini	Servants of India Society, Poona.
23rd April 1933 :	
B. R. Ambedkar	Damodar Hall, Parel, Bombay.
K. V. Chitre	Damodar Hall, Parel, Bombay.
S. S. More	483, Shanwar, Poona.
K. G. Shinde	245, Budhwar, Poona.
N. K. A. Shastri, (Typist)	
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
24th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	
J. D. Dina Yappan	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.

Name	Address
24th April 1933	
R. Shastri	Poona.
Nila Nagini	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Kamaladevi	Servants of India Society, Poona.
P. Kodandrao	Servants of India Society, Poona.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 332 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 26th April 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.C.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison,
Yeravda ; and Lt-Col. R. H. Candy, I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, Poona, in his Memo No. S. 198-B, dated 19th January 1932, we have the honour to state that we conjointly examined State prisoner Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi on 26th April 1933 and found him in good health.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) R. H. CANDY,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Civil Surgeon, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 331 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated April 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay, Poona, for information.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 333 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 26th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 273 dated 28th March 1933 forwarding a copy of letter No. S.D. 1938 dated 27th March 1933 from the Secretary to Government of Bombay, Home Department, I have the honour to forward a copy of a report received from the Civil Surgeon, Poona, who examined State prisoner Vallabhabhai Patel on 21st April 1933. Mr. Patel is very anxious to see Dr. Deshmukh from Bombay, and have his opinion on the question of operation, and I would request for orders as to whether Dr. Deshmukh may be permitted to visit the State prisoner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 384 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 27th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison,

Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal, as directed by Government.
This has a reference to his confidential No. 321 dated 20th April 1933. Please return.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 339 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 27th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 341 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to No. S.D. 2245 dated 19th April 1933, from the Secretary to Government of Bombay, Home Department, I have the honour to send

herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to Mr. Harry Bowman.

This is a reply to the letter which Mr. Gandhi received from Mr. Harry Bowman.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 343 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 28th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to ' Father Elwin ', and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 342 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 28th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

D.O. No. S.D. 2364
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay, 28th April 1933

With reference to your demi-official letter No. D. 2702/33-Poll., dated the 22nd instant regarding the request of Diwan Bahadur Har Bilas Sarda, M.L.A., for permission to approach Mr. Gandhi for an article on the uplift of the untouchables for inclusion in the Commemoration Volume to be published in connection with the Dayanand Ardh Shatabdi, I am desired to state that, provided that Mr. Gandhi's article is confined to the uplift of the untouchables, it appears to be covered by the concessions allowed to him by the Government of India in regard to publicity on this subject, and that the Government of Bombay do not therefore see any objection to the proposal.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.

The Honourable Mr. M. G. Hallett, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department.

Poona, dated 28th April 1933.

To

The Secretary to
The Government of Bombay, Bombay,
Home Department.

Respected Sir,

I, the undersigned Ratilal Shivilal Nanavati beg to submit as follows.

I had gone today to Yeravda Central Jail to take an interview of Mr. M. K. Gandhi for taking his advise on the subjects as follows :—

- (1) Removing untouchability from Hindu Society.
- (2) Water, Air and Climate of Visapur Temporary prison is bad or not suitable for prison and as such to appoint non-official Committee for investigation.
- (3) Addition of Wheat and Rice in jail diet for all the prisons of Bombay Presidency.

The Jailer Mr. Kateli told me that I cannot get an interview of Mr. M. K. Gandhi on the ground that I am recently released from Visapur Temporary Prison and secondly I will be given an interview if I get the sanction of Bombay Government. I do not want to discuss anything on present civil disobedience movement.

Under these circumstances I request your honour to grant me permission for Mr. M. K. Gandhi's interview.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) RATILAL SHIVLAL NANAVATI.

Address :—

Ratilal Shivilal Nanavati,
C/o Jamnadas Broker,
Raghuwanshi Swadeshi Stores,
Budhawar Peth, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 344 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from ' Sundarlal, 56 Chak, Allahabad ', and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 345 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 29th April 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona. Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, from Mr. S. Dhavle, 134, Harrison Road, Calcutta, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 2396
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 29th April 1933

To

Mr. Ratilal Shivilal Nanavati, Poona.

MEMORANDUM

With reference to his letter dated the 28th April 1933 requesting permission for an interview with Mr. Gandhi, Mr. Ratilal Shivilal Nanavati is informed that his request cannot be granted.

By order of the Governor in Council,
C. F. BORGES,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department (Political).

No. S.D. 2397
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 29th April 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to
:—

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,
(Sd.).....,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department (Political).

No. CR-3/33

Belgaum, dated the 29th April 1933

From

The Superintendent of Post Office,
Belgaum Division ;

To

The Superintendent,
Belgaum Central Prison, Hindalga.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3052 dated the 14th April 1933, I have the honour to inform you that the letters stated to be missing are not lying undelivered either in the Belgaum Head Post Office or in the Dead Letter Office, Bombay.

As no record of unregistered articles is kept in course of their transmission through the post, it is not possible to ascertain the fate of the letters in question.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.),

Superintendent of Post Office,
Belgaum Division.

No. 3626 of 1933

BELGAUM CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 6th May 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison in continuation of this Office Letter No. 3051 dated 14th April 1933.

(Sd.) F. B. PLUNKETT,

Superintendent,

Belgaum Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2389

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 29th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter dated the 26th instant from Mr. Gandhi to Father Elwin, which accompanied your endorsement No. 387 of the 28th idem., I am to say that it may be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,

(Sd.).....,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 393 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 1st May 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 343 dated 28th April 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
for Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

No. Confl. 346 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 29th April 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a book, " Gandhi *versus* the Empire " written by Haridas T. Muzumdar, and a letter received for State prisoner

M. K. Gandhi from Universal Publishing Co., New York, N. Y., and to enquire whether these may be handed over to Mr. Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2392
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 29th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 376, dated the 26th April 1933, regarding Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel's request for permission to consult Dr. Deshmukh, I am directed to inform you that, after carefully considering the matter, Government are of opinion that they would not be justified in refusing Mr. Patel's request and that Dr. Deshmukh may be allowed to examine the prisoner.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 394 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 1st May 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of necessary action.

This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 333 dated 26th April 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Personal Assistant,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 348 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 30th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to ' Secretary Home Department, Simla' for favour of disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Secretary, Home Department, Simla. For reasons wholly unconnected with Government and solely connected with Harijan movement and obedience peremptory call from within received about midnight. I have to take twenty-one days unconditional irrevocable fast with water soda and salt beginning from noon eighth May next ending noon twenty-ninth May stop fast might have commenced atonce but for my being prisoner and my anxiety to enable local authority receive necessary instructions for arrangements during fast and avoid all possible embarrassment to Government.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 349 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 1st May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a book ' Bengal under Communal Award and Poona Pact' received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi and to enquire whether it may be delivered to him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 67 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 1st May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by ' A' Class prisoner Miss Slade (Mira Ben) to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of perusal and further disposal.

On page 19 of the letter there is a reference regarding her taking part in the movement for the removal of Untouchability amongst Hindus.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent ,

Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 350 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 1st May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith three telegrams from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to (1) Mr. Satisdas Gupta, Calcutta, (2) Urmila-devi, Calcutta, and (3) Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj, and to enquire whether they may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2444
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 2nd May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 389, dated the 29th April, I am directed to return herewith the letter dated the 24th idem., with its enclosures from Mr. S. Dhavle, Calcutta, addressed to Mr. Gandhi and to say that unless the original letter of the 23rd March 1933 which is stated to have been sent under register cover addressed to Mr. Gandhi and to have been received by him was detained by the Superintendent, Yeravda Central

Prison, for any particular reasons of which Government are not aware, there is no objection to Mr. Dhavle's letter of the 24th April and its enclosures being delivered to Mr. Gandhi. I am to request that if the letter is delivered and Mr. Gandhi sends a reply to it, the reply should be referred to Government for orders.

I have etc.,

(Sd.),

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2419

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 2nd May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 386 dated the 28th April, I am directed to return herewith the letter dated the 27th idem., from Mr. Gandhi to Mr. Harry Bowman and to say that it may be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,

(Sd.),

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 352 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 2nd May 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison :

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from Maharajsing, Agent of Government of India, Capetown, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison,

28, Cape Town,
Mahatma Gandhi Yeravda Jail Poona India.

740 following telegrams has been sent to me by General Smuts in his private capacity for transmission to you begins may I appeal to you most earnestly to delay your announced fast your work for removal of Untouchability has already achieved measure of success which exceeds highest expectations with patience you may yet carry complete accomplishment of greatest reform of our time moreover India stands on threshold of new period which makes your wise guidance in future more essential than ever before stop endangering your life might lead to dreadful calamity and irreparable setback at most critical moment stop I appeal for old friendships sake and for great causes you have championed so successfully ends in forwarding this telegram wish on my own behalf and feel sure of on behalf Indian community in South Africa to endorsement expressed by General Smuts."

Maharajsing Agent of Government of India.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2440
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 2nd May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 395 dated the 1st May 1933, I am directed to return herewith the three telegrams from Mr. Gandhi addressed to (1) Satisdas, (2) Urmiladevi, Calcutta, and (3) Sheth Jamnalal Bajaj, Almoda and to say that they may be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,

(Sd.),
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 353 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 2nd May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2415
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 1st May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 388, dated the 28th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the telegram from Sunderlal, 56 Chak Allahabad addressed to Mr. Gandhi and to say that it may be delivered.

I have etc.,

(Sd.),
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 396 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 2nd May 1933

To

The Superintendent,,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of necessary action.

This has a reference to his confidential No. 344, dated 28th April 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant
for Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 354 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.)
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 357 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd May 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons visited State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 25th April 1933 to 1st May 1933 :

Name	Address
25th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
J. D. Devaiyappan	Poona.

Name	Address
25th April 1933— <i>contd.</i>	
Mathuradas Trikumji	53, Mint Road, Bombay.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Nila Nagini	Servants of India Society, Poona.
D. N. Bhadurji	Bombay.
26th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Nila Nagini	Servants of India Society, Poona.
G. Rajan	Cannannore, C. P. Subharao.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
27th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. Sankaran Nair	Gamdevi, Bombay.
Dr. Margarete Speiegel	Berlin.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Nila Nagini	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
28th April 1933 :	
C. Sankaran Nair	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Dr. Margarete Speiegel	Berlin.
Nayarajam	Briranyan Trichey District.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
N. M. Khare	Sabarmati.
Mrs. Laxmibai Khare	Sabarmati.
Bhuskute Narmada	Sabarmati.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
N. S. Baner	Chief Representative (Reuters).
Dnaneshwara Shripad Shirsikar	Aryangla Vaidyak Vidyalaya, Satara City.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Nila Nagini	Servants of India Society, Poona.
29th April 1933	
Har Bilas Sarda	C/o Sardar Muzumdar, M.L.A.
Sardar G. N. Muzumdar	187, Kasba, Poona-2.
C. S. Nair	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Dr. Margarete Speiegel	Berlin.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.

Name	Address
29th April 1933— <i>contd.</i>	
Nila Nagini	S. I. S., Poona.
N. M. Khare	Satyagraha Ashrama, Sabarmati.
Mrs. Laxmibai Khare	Satyagraha Ashrama, Sabarmati.
30th April 1933 :	
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
1st May 1933 :	
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
Alaben Pocha	8, Napier Road, Poona.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati (Parnakuti).
Ramdas Gandhi	Sabarmati (Parnakuti).
R. Shastri	S. I. S., Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Dr. Margarete Spiegel	Berlin.
Nila Nagini	S. I. S., Poona.
C. Sankaran Nair	S. I. S., Poona.
Mathuradas Trikumji	53, Mint Road, Bombay.
S. Salivati	Bombay.
A. Macray	Poona.
V. V. Apte	Poona, 965, Sadashiv.
K. A. D. Navroji	c/o Lady Thakersey.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
P. Cornelin	Coimbatore.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
 Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 403 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 3rd May 1933

To

The Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Press.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of necessary action as directed by Government.

This has a reference to his confidential No. 345 dated 29th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 362 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th May 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2458
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 3rd May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 398, dated the 2nd May 1933 I am directed to return herewith the telegram from Maharaj Sing, Agent of Government of India, Cape Town, addressed to Mr. Gandhi and to say that it may be delivered.

I have etc.,

(Sd.).....,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL VERY URGENT

No. 409 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 4th May 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of delivery to Mr. Gandhi. This has a reference to his confidential No. 352 dated 2nd May 1933.

E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 356 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd May 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Miraben Slade, prisoner, Ahmedabad Central Prison, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 407 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 3rd May 1933

Returned with compliments. This may be allowed to be sent.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 363 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 400 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 3rd May 1933

Returned with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for delivery.
Please return retaining accompaniments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 359 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 3784 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 3rd May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith two letters written by ' A ' Class prisoners Nos. 3296 Miss Slade (Miraben) and 8313 Kasturba Gandhi to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for disposal.

The letters have been censored here by this office but it may please be censored again before delivering it to the prisoner in question.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 401 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 3rd May 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his confidential No. 350 dated 1st May 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 360 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 402 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd May 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his confidential No. 341 dated 28th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 361 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

D.O. No. S.D. 3016/33-Poll
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME DEPARTMENT
Simla, the 4th May 1933

My dear Dewan Bahadur,

I am desired to refer to the correspondence ending with your demi-official letter dated the 12th April 1933, to the Honourable Home Member, and to say that the Government of India have no objection to your approaching Mr. Gandhi through the Superintendent of Yeravda Jail with the request to contribute an article on the uplift of the untouchables for inclusion in the Commemoration Volume to be published in connection with the Dayanand Ardha Shatabdi, provided the request is made by a separate letter. They do not consider the printed circular letter form with the modifications proposed by you in your previous letter of the 7th April 1933 would be suitable for the purpose.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. G. HALLETT.

Diwan Bahadur Har Bilas Sarda, M.L.A.

No. 1538 of 1933
VISAPUR TEMPORARY PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Visapur Temporary Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by prisoner Fulchand Bapuji Shah addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, for favour of disposal.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) P. L. O. QUINN.

Superintendent,
Visapur Temporary Prison.

No. D. 3016/33 Poll
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME DEPARTMENT
Simla, the 5th May 1933

My dear Maxwell,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your demi-official letter No. S.D. 2364, dated the 28th April 1933, I am desired to enclose, for information, a copy of the reply which has been given to Diwan Bahadur Har Bilas Sarda, M.L.A.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. G. HALLETT.

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department (Special).

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 365 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th May 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 364 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Superintendent
Dated 5th May 1933

My dear C. R.,

You are dearer to me than life itself. I wounded you and Shankerlal deeply yesterday. It is no use my saying forgive me. Your forgiveness I have before the asking. But I will do the very thing that I resisted like an ass. I will submit to the examination, now and anytime you like by any doctor provided of course the Government permit it. I feel that the result of such examination should not be published for fear of political use being made of it. I must say too that the medical examination if it comes is not likely to affect the commencement of the fast. More when we meet. This is just to relieve my soul of the impurity that crept yesterday. Love to you and Shankerlal.

Yours,

BAPU.

SECRET

No. S.D. 2506
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 6th May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Subject:—Release of Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for necessary action an Order of the Governor in Council of today's date and a copy of a Resolution No. S.D. 2505 of the same date regarding the release of Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

who is at present detained in the Yeravda Central Prison as a State prisoner under Bombay Regulation XXV of 1827. I am to state that you will receive instructions from the Inspector-General of Prisons as regards the time and manner of release and the time when Mr. Gandhi should be informed of it. I am to add that should Mr. Gandhi not commence his fast on the 8th May no action should be taken on the accompanying order, which should in that case be returned to Government for cancellation and issue of further orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Copy to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 2505
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 6th May 1933

RESOLUTION

The Governor in Council is pleased to cancel with effect from the 9th May 1933 the orders passed in his Resolution No. S.D. 15, dated the 3rd January 1932, directing that Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi shall be placed under restraint in the Yeravda Central Prison during the pleasure of Government.

The Governor in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that the Warrant dated the 3rd January 1932 addressed to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, directing him to receive Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi into his custody and to deal with him in conformity with the orders of the Governor in Council and the provisions of Bombay Regulation XXV of 1827 shall be cancelled with effect from the 9th May 1933 and that Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi shall be released from custody.

By order of the Governor in Council,

R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

39, Pedder Road, Bombay-6
Dated 6th May, 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda.

Dear Sir,

I examined Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel at the Central Jail on 3rd May, 1933 in the afternoon. He gave history of intermittent, profuse, watery nasal discharge which troubled him a great deal. In Bombay last year when his nose was cauterised I was present.

My present opinion is —

1. X-Ray Photographs should be taken of the accessory Sinuses of the nose.
2. He should be operated upon for deflected nasal-Septum, the previous cauterisation having failed to give him relief.
3. The operation better be performed in Bombay, in a place like the King Edward Hospital, if agreeable to the Authorities.

I take this opportunity of thanking the jail officers, through you, for their courtesy during my visit.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) G. V. DESHMUKH.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 366 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th May 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poena.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have examined this morning Mr. M. K. Gandhi and find him in a good state of health.

I consider it desirable that before he commences his fast I should have a consultation with Lt-Col. Candy, I.M.S., the Civil Surgeon on Mr. Gandhi's health and the measures to be adopted for medical attendance during the fast.

In anticipation of your approval, I have asked Lt-Col. Candy to visit the Prison tomorrow morning the 8th instant.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S..
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Aney, President, Congress,
Yeotmal.

Please obtain permission from Government.

Jail Yeravda.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

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	Hour	Minute	
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Kindly permit interview with Gandhiji Thursday wire reply and convey him following message stop alarmed reading your resolve regarding proposed unconditional fast twenty-one days coming see you Thursday understand Significance fast Aney acting president, Congress, Yeotmal.

Below copies of :—

1. Demi-official letter from the Government of India, Home Department, No. D. 2707/33-Poll., dated the 22nd April 1933 and accompaniments.
2. Demi-official letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, No. S.D. 2364, dated the 28th April 1933.
3. Demi-official letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, No. D. 3016/44-Poll., dated the 5th May 1933 and accompaniment.

CONFIDENTIAL

Demi-official.
No. S.D. 2526
HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)
Bombay, 8 th May 1933

Forwarded with compliments to —

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for information.

(Sd.)
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2515
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 8th May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 404 dated the 3rd May 1933 I am directed to return herewith the pamphlet " Bengal under Communal Award and Poona Pact" by Sir N. N. Sarcar, Advocate General of Bengal sent to Mr. Gandhi and to say that it may be delivered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 415 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISON'S OFFICE
Poona, 9th May 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his confidential No. 349 dated 1st May 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 369 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th May 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. H. Candy, I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona.

and

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

We have the honour to report that we have today examined Mr. M. K. Gandhi and find :—
Today is his day of silence.

His weight is 102 lbs. that is an increase of 2½ lbs. during the last 5 days.

His general condition is satisfactory.

His blood pressure is systolic 165. Diastolic 120.

His pulse rate is 68 per minute.

Urine Examination—

Reaction	Alkaline.
Sp. Gravity	1006.
Sugar	Nil.
Albumen	Nil.
Phosphates	Present.

The thoracic and abdominal viscera appear to be normal.

Mentally he is in good spirits.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,

(Sd.) R. H. CANDY,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

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Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison,
Poona.

Permission has been given to Aney to have interview with Gandhi on condition that it is confined to non-political subjects stop addressed Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison repeated Prisons, Poona.

Bombay Special S. D 2496. 20 5

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

	Date	Hour	Minute
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Gandhiji has invited me and Mr. Devidas Madhavji to see him to discuss untouchability question. Please grant permission to meet him tomorrow afternoon reply suitable time my address Ridge Road, Bombay:

MANMOHANDAS RAMJI.

Superintendent.

Revered Bapuji,

Your letter of the 20th April was received here on 27th April. As we were about to write you a reply, we suddenly came to know of your fast, and it was a stunning blow. Although you had long ago prepared us for its possibility at some future date, we had no idea that it was coming so soon and that to in its present form. And it is what gave us a shock. In this matter we see now that there is no room for arguments. But even if we like what arguments can we advance ? It is very difficult for us even to imagine the internal struggle of the spirit, which has given you this inspiration. And although we understand a little of your faith, intensity of feeling, and your love for Harijans we are unable to grasp their full meaning. Whenever therefore you undertake something very great, to achieve it you take resort to extreme remedies. We also feel, though in part and that too a negligible part, the crushing weight of the heavy responsibility arising therefrom. We are not sure whether we shall be found even one per cent real when tried on your touch stone and therefore we feel heavily depressed by the painful feeling of our helplessness. We do not know whether you can imagine it, but the feeling that we are unable to do anything here makes it more keen and embarrassing. In our helplessness God is our only resort. We pray to God that He may grant us enough faith and strength to contribute our least little mite to the cause for which you are undergoing sacrifice.

We have faith in you and therefore we also crave for your blessings to help us to be worthy of you and your sacrifice and penance.

Surendraji has completely recovered now. He has fever only for a day or two, but cough persisted a few days longer. But now that too is cured. and he is getting necessary diet and there is no reason for anxiety. But he regrets very much that he is not there today. Sjt. Ramdasbhai had an interview with him yesterday and he should have told you all about it. Please do convey our Pranam to Sardar, Mahadevbhai and Chhaganlalbhai. Your letter to Ravjibhai has not yet been received. I hope you have received Surendraji's letter sent to you through Ashram. My date of release in usual course, would be 19th of this month. But I may be released earlier. On my release I shall be straight coming to you. Vithal is doing very well here. He had the news of his parents going to Ashram. Darbarji is keeping good health and he sends you his pranam to you. We all desire to write you but it should better be controlled by S. R. Patil Ravjibhai, Kalyanjibhai Mohanlal Bhatta, and we all are feeling anxious about your health owing to this coming fast. But we have faith in God. Sjt. Ramniklalbhai, Chitraji and Madanlalbhai send you their pranams. Sjt. Ramniklalbhai regrets very much that he is not here with you today.

To

Mahatma M. K. Gandhi,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Dear Mahatmaji,

The Dayanand Nirvana Ardha Shatabdi [the bi-centenary of the decease (Nirvana) of Swami Dayanand Saraswati the great Reformer and illustrious founder of the Arya Samaj will be celebrated at Ajmer from the 14th to the 20th October, 1933. A Committee consisting of the Members of the Paropkarni Sabha (who are Trustees of the Swamiji), the Members of the Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, the All-India Arya Representative Assembly, and the Arya Pradeshik Sabha of the Punjab, has been constituted to celebrate the function in a fitting manner. The committee has decided to prepare and publish a Commemoration Volume in connection with the Ardha Shatabdi celebrations of the great Swami on the occasion.

2. The services of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati in the cause of Religion, Aryan Culture, and Moral and Social uplift of mankind are too well-known to require any special mention. His Vedabhasya (Commentary on the Vedas) is a unique achievement and a monument of profound learning and scholarship. The Arya Samaj, which he founded in 1875 A.D. is the principal Reform Society in India and there are now 2,000 Arya Samajists in the whole of India, in Africa and in other countries. About 500 preachers, paid and honorary, are engaged in carrying its message far and wide. On the educational side, the Arya Samaj is maintaining 23 Gurukulas for boys, 3 Gurukulas for girls, 9 Colleges, about 200 High Schools and a very large number of minor schools. It also maintains many Orphanages and Widows Homes, etc.

Swami Dayanand Saraswati denounced the present system of hereditary castes, and raised his potent voice for the uplift of the depressed classes and the removal of untouchability. He pleaded very strongly for the Emancipation of women. His services for the revival of the study of the Vedas and of the Aryan Culture, which before his advent, had been altogether neglected, are unique. He threw open the portals of the Vedas and the Vedic religion to all mankind, irrespective of country, caste or creed, and thus restored Hindu Society to its pristine high estate and paved the way for the absorption of non-Hindus into the fold of Hindu Society. By his Commentary on the Vedas, he demonstrated to the world that the Vedas teach the highest and purest form of Monotheism.

3. The projected Commemoration Volume will consist of 3 parts, namely, (a) Messages of appreciation and tributes to the memory of the great Swami; (b) short anecdotes and incidents of his life; (c) short article on subjects which have been indicated above and a list of which is appended. The list is, however, meant to be suggestive and not exhaustive.

4. As you are interested in and have sympathy with the reforms and activities which Swami Dayanand Saraswati inaugurated or supported, I approach you with a request to contribute to the projected volume, an article (not exceeding 4,000 words) on any of the subjects referred to above, which may best appeal to you.

5. In view of the fact, that the volume should be printed by the end of September, 1933, I shall feel much obliged, if your contribution can reach me before the middle of June, 1933 A.D. As there will be no time for sending the proofs to you for correction, I shall feel grateful, if the manuscript is typed or written in a clear and legible hand.

The favour of a very early reply intimating the name of the subject selected by you and the approximate size of your article is requested.

With Esteem,

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) HAR BILAS SARDA.

List of subjects suggested

1. Appreciation of Swami Dayanand Saraswati.
2. Anecdotes of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, or incidents of his life.
3. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Religious Teacher.
4. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as World Teacher.
5. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a National builder.
6. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as Exponent of Vedic Monotheism.
7. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Vedic Scholar.
8. Swami Dayanand Saraswati's advocacy that the Vedas are open to all mankind irrespective of country, caste or creed.
9. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as an exponent of perfect harmony between the Vedic Religion and Modern Science.
10. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as founder of Arya Samaj.
11. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Social Reformer.
12. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Political thinker.
13. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as an Educationist.
14. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Protagonist of Brahmcharya.
15. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Yogi.
16. Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Pioneer of Swadeshi.
17. Swami Dayanand Saraswati's work for the uplift of the Untouchables and Depressed Classes.
18. Swami Dayanand Saraswati and the Caste-system.
19. Swami Dayanand Saraswati and the Emancipation of women.
20. Swami Dayanand Saraswati on Cow protection.
21. Swami Dayanand Saraswati's influence on eminent men of his time.
22. Swami Dayanand Saraswati's contribution to the Hindi language and literature.

23. Svami Dayanand Saraswati's work in connection with the absorption of non-Hindus into Hindu society.
24. Vedic Religion generally.
25. Aryan (Hindu) culture.
26. Greatness of Hindu thought.
27. High position of India among the countries of the world owing to its spiritual or intellectual achievements.

Order

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

The Governor in Council is hereby pleased to cancel with effect from the 9th May 1933 the Warrant dated the 3rd January 1932 addressed to you and to direct you to release from your custody Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi who is at present kept under restraint in the Yeravda Central Prison as a State prisoner under Bombay Regulation XXV of 1827.

Dated at Bombay Castle this 6th day of May 1933.



By order of the Governor in Council,
(Sd.) ,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 370 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Conn. 373 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th May 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to Home Department (Political) No. S.D. 2392 dated the 29th April 1933, forwarded under Head Office No. Confidential 394, dated 1st May 1933, I have the honour to send herewith a copy of a letter received from Dr. Deshmukh of Bombay who examined State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel on 3rd May. I am of the opinion that the nasal condition is a chronic one and there is no urgency in the matter. Actually I have never seen the profuse discharge complained of, which seems to come on at intermittent periods.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 374 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 11th May 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel addressed to " Bapuji Madhavrao Aney, c/o Sjt. N. C. Kelkar, Poona, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2563
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 12th May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 405 dated the 3rd May 1933, regarding the book *Gandhi* versus *The Empire* by Haridas T. Muzumdar sent to Mr. Gandhi by the Universal Publishing Company of New York, I am directed to inform you that the book has been prohibited entry into British India under the Sea Customs Act of 1878 by Government of India, Finance Department (Central Revenues) Notification No. 24, dated the 6th May 1933, and that it should be withheld. It has been retained in this office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 427 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 15th May 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and reference to his confidential No. 346 dated 29th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 375 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th May 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

With reference to Government, Home Department (Political) No. S.D. 2505, dated the 6th May 1933, I have the honour to return herewith the original copy of the warrant of Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi who was released from this prison on 8th May 1933, at 8-45 p.m.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Bombay.

No. S.D. 2609
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 15th May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 418 dated the 12th May 1933 I am directed to return herewith the letter from State prisoner Vallabhbai

Patel to Bapuji Madhavrao Aney c/o Sjt. N. C. Kelkar, Poona, and to say that it may be allowed to go on.

I have etc.,

(Sd.).....,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 431 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th May 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his confidential No. 374 dated 11th May 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 379 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 19th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN.

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2765

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 27th May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 419 dated the 12th May 1933, regarding the suggestion made by Dr. G. V. Deshmukh that Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel should be operated upon for deflected Nasal Septum, I am directed to request that you will ascertain and report to Government what Mr. Vallabh-bhai's wishes are in this respect. If he desires to undergo the operation immediately, Government will be prepared to consider if he should be allowed to make his own arrangement for the operation *in Poona* but I am to enquire whether facilities could be given for an operation to be performed inside the jail or the jail hospital by an outside surgeon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 454 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 29th May 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for detailed report in respect of the points raised by Government.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 382 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated, 30th May 1933

Returned with compliments.

Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel states that he would like to undergo the operation " as soon as it is convenient to Government".

He has not been informed of the suggested arrangements for an operation in Poona.

Facilities could be given in the jail hospital for an outside surgeon to perform such an operation but I consider that the after treatment and nursing has an important bearing on this case and that it would not be satisfactory to carry out the operation and after care inside the prison.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Dear Col. Martin,

Thanks, I would wish to go through the operation as soon as it is convenient to Government.

Yours,
(Sd.) VALLABHBHAI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3098
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 19th June 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Home Department, Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 455, dated the 31st May 1933, regarding Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel's desire to undergo an operation of the nasal septum " as soon as it is convenient to Government", I am directed to inform you that it has been ascertained that it will be possible to make suitable arrangements in the Sassoon Hospital, Poona, for the proposed operation. Mr. Patel may therefore be informed that if he is willing to undergo the operation in the Sassoon Hospital, Government will make the necessary arrangements but that they cannot allow the operation to be performed in any other hospital in or outside, Poona. Mr. Patel should also be informed that as Government are advised by the jail authorities and also by the Civil Surgeon, Poona, and Dr. Mandlik (the nose specialist attached to the Sassoon Hospital) who examined him on the 21st April, that the operation is not imperative, it will not be performed unless Mr. Patel is prepared to pay (whether from the accumulated balances out of the monthly allowance sanctioned to him by Government or otherwise) for the services of a doctor nominated by himself. Government will however bear the cost

of the accommodation and any incidental charges including the cost of X-ray photographs of the sinuses of the nose if necessary. It should also be made clear that the responsibility for producing a successful result will rest with the operating surgeon. I am to request that you will ascertain from Mr. Patel and report to Government if he wishes to have the operation performed under these conditions.

2. I am to add that the Government of India will have to be informed of the proposed operation and their previous sanction obtained for any expenditure that may have to be incurred in this connection exclusive of the payment, if any to be made to the operating surgeon. I am to request that you will inform Government what is the present accumulated balance out of the monthly allowance of Rs. 100 sanctioned to Mr. Patel the charge on account of which is being made by the Government of India.

3. I am to include for your information copies of the correspondence cited

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter from the Civil Surgeon, Poona, dated 9th June 1933, and the endorsement on it by the officiating Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay, No. O-Misc./Confl., dated 10th June 1933. 2. Letter from the Inspector-General of Police, No. C/ 70 dated 12th June 1933 and its accompaniment. | <p>in the margin regarding the arrangements which it is proposed to make in the event of a decision to have the operation in the Sassoon Hospital and to say that, that Government</p> |
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approve of these arrangements.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL
URGENT

No. 469 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 20th June 1933

From

Lt-Col. E. E. Doyle C.I.E., D.S.C., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward in original Home Department (Political) No. S.D. 3098, dated 19th June 1933 (which should be returned with your reply) and to request you to kindly furnish the information required in paragraphs 1 and 2.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 21st June 1933

Dear Col. Martin,

Since you were good enough to communicate to me yesterday the orders of Government on the question of my operation I have thought over the matter and I find it very difficult to decide whether I should take the risk of going through the operation under the restricted facilities and other conditions proposed by Government.

There appears to be some misunderstanding somewhere on the question of the advisability of the operation. I have tried all external remedies suggested by the Jail Authorities for the last one year and more without any effect and then it was that they sought the advice of Dr. Mandlik. I am not aware that the operation was not considered necessary either by the Civil Surgeon, Poona or Dr. Mandlik. As a matter of fact I could not have thought of the operation at all if I had not been advised by both of them that the best course for me was to go through the operation. Government then very kindly allowed me to consult my own medical adviser Dr. Deshmukh of Bombay and he after examining me confirmed the advises which they had given to me.

The nasal operation I am given to understand is a delicate affair and having already undergone operation and cauterisation on former occasions it is obvious that any further operation now must be performed under conditions providing all reasonable facilities that may be required for eliminating all possible chances of failure.

From the orders of Government I notice that they propose to restrict the facilities that may be needed by the operating surgeon and at the same time throw the entire responsibility of producing successful result on that surgeon who is to be nominated by me.

Under the circumstances it would not be possible for me to come to a decision without consulting my medical advisers and I would therefore request you to allow me to consult Dr. Deshmukh and Dr. Damani of Bombay in order to enable me to do so.

It is of course understood that this consultation will not cost anything to Government.

Yours sincerely,

VALLABHBHAI PATEL.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 388 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 22nd June 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In reply to your Confidential No. 469 of the 20th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith the reply to para. 1 of the Home Department (Political) No. S.D. 3098 dated 19th June 1933 from the State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel in the form of a letter addressed to me, and to request the favour of orders regarding Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel's request to be allowed a further consultation with Dr. Deshmukh and Dr. Damani of Bombay.

2. In reply to para. 2 allowance for Mr. V. J. Patel has been drawn upto and for October 1932. From November 1932 to June 1933 the allowance of Rs. 800 remained to be drawn. There is also a balance of Rs. 30-5-1 to credit in his jail account.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Letter No. S.D. 3228, dated 27th June 1933, from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, (Political), to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona.

With reference to your letter No. 473, dated the 22nd June 1933, I am directed to inform you that Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel's request for permission to have a further consultation with Dr. Deshmukh and Dr. Damani of Bombay should be allowed.

2. It is observed that in his letter to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, dated the 21st instant Mr. Patel alleges that (1) " There appears to be some misunderstanding somewhere on the question of the advisability of the operation ", and (2) " From the orders of Government I notice that they propose to restrict the facilities that may be needed by the operating Surgeon." I am to request that you will inform Mr. Patel that Government do not find that there is anything in their orders to justify these allegations. The orders stated that " Government are advised by the jail authorities and also by the Civil Surgeon, Poona, and Dr. Mandlik that the operation is not imperative " or in other words that there was no urgency for it. The Civil Surgeon and Dr. Mandlik clearly stated in their report that an operation of the deflection of the Septum " would probably alleviate the symptoms but would not certainly cure him and further local treatment had been carried out and that " decided local improvement had been effected."

As regards the second allegation, the orders stated that " if he is willing to undergo the operation in the Sassoon Hospital, Government will make the necessary arrangements ", and that they will " bear the cost of the accommodation and any incidental charges including the cost of the X-Ray photographs of the sinuses if necessary ". No mention or suggestion was made in the order of " restricting the facilities that may be needed by the operating Surgeon ", who will of course be given all reasonable facilities by the Civil Surgeon, Poona, who is in charge of the Sassoon Hospital.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 488 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 28th June 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and necessary action, with reference to his confidential letter No. C/388, dated 22nd June 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 389 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 24th June 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a book named " Moral Man and Immoral Society" received for State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel from Jawaharlal Nehru, District Jail, Dehra-Dun, and to inquire whether it may be allowed to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

PARNAKUTI

Poona, 27th June 1933

Dear Major Martin,

Major Bhandari, as Superintendent of Yeravda Jail, before you, withheld a number of letters, books and other articles addressed to Mr. Gandhi and kept them in his custody to be delivered to Mr. Gandhi when he was released. I take it that you have also withheld some letters, books, etc. addressed to Mr. Gandhi. I would request you, on behalf of Mr. Gandhi, to have all the articles so withheld, delivered to him at your earliest convenience.

Your's faithfully

(Sd.) MAHADEO DESAI.

Major Martin, Superintendent, Central Jail, Yeravda.

No. C. 391 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th June 1933

Dear

In reply to your letter dated the 27th June 1933 your request has been forwarded to Government for orders. On receipt of their reply a further communication will be forwarded to you.

Yours

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

To

Mr. Mahadeobhai Desai,
Parnakuti, Yeravda.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 393 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th June 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter addressed to me by State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel requesting to have an interview with Mr, and Mrs. Devidas Gandhi.

As per para. 4 of the Government Home Department (Political) letter No. S.D. 310 dated 16th January 1932, visitors in his case are confined to personal relatives only. Orders are therefore solicited whether his request can be granted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Below letter dated 27th June 1933 from Mahadeo Desai, " Purnakuti ", Yeravda.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 392 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 28th June 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona, for favour of orders. There are many books, papers, letters etc. withheld both under Government orders and by the Superintendent.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3301

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 1st July 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 490 dated the 28th June 1933, I am directed to inform you that Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel's request for permission to have a purely social interview with Mr. and Mrs. Devidas Gandhi should be allowed as a special case.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 493 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 3rd July 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for information and necessary action.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 395 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 3rd My 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. S. Candy, I.M.S.,

Civil Surgeon, Poona.

and

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay, Poona, in his Memorandum No. S. 198-B dated 19th January 1932, we have the honour to state that we conjointly examined State prisoner Vallabhbai Jhaverbhai Patel on 3rd July 1933 and found him in good health.

We have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

(Sd.).....,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Civil Surgeon, Poona.

(Sd.),

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay, Poona.

Below unofficial reference No. S.D. 3297 dated 1st July 1933 from Government in the Home Department (Special), Poona.

No. 494 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 3rd July 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Please see attached unofficial reference and kindly let me have the information Government requires *vide A* and proceeding notes.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No .of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated July 1933

Returned with compliments.

There is a large shelf full of withheld articles. I would estimate not less than 200 letters. It is difficult to say on what definite grounds these have been withheld, but on looking through a few, I find reference to non-cooperation, requests from America and other countries for views on different points political and otherwise. The pamphlets are very numerous, and on such subjects as 'Gandhi's English Tour' in different Indian Languages, 'Christ and Gandhi', other books and pamphlets of the same nature too innumerable to give details of, News papers and cuttings from newspapers giving political news and remarks etc. etc. I regret I can give no better discription as it would take days to classify and study the material here, practically all of which was withheld when Major Bhandari was Superintendent.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 396 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th July 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3375
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 6th July 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 489, dated the 28th June 1933, regarding the request made by Mr. Mahadeo Desai to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison on behalf of Mr. Gandhi, to arrange for the delivery to the prison, I am to ask that you will direct the Superintendent to sort out the material, destroy what is objectionable and keep the remainder ready for delivery to Mr. Gandhi. Orders regarding delivery will be sent later.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 499 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th July 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for action according to the instructions issued by Government.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 398 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 8th July 1933

Returned with compliments.

Presumably this applies to the letters etc. which have been withheld by the Superintendent. Kindly state what is to be done with those withheld under orders of Government.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

39, Pedder Road, Bombay-6.

Dated 15th July 1933.

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Jail, Poona.

Sir,

Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel was seen by me and Dr. Damani on 11th July 1933.

He complained of discharge, trickling down his throat. The trouble starts at 4 p.m. in the afternoon and at times he has to sit up at night after midnight, to cough out the discharge, making him very uncomfortable. I know from his previous history that he is liable to such attacks of **'TRACHEITIS'**.

On examination the septum of his nose has a S shaped deflection. The posterior third and end of the inferior turbinated on the left side is in contact with the deflected septum forming a shelf along which the discharge is directed into the pharynx. Xrays and Transillumination showed a slight difference on the two sides, the left antrum being suspicious. Posterior Rhinoscopy showed a mucopurulent discharge in the posterior nares on the left side.

Our opinion, therefore, is, that palliative measures having failed, and the patient being in considerable distress, the sooner he is operated the better. To begin with the posterior third of the left inferior turbinated bone should be removed. This might improve the drainage of the nose. If this fails to give relief, the left ANTRUM may have to be dealt with, and the septum operation, as well and the after treatment may have to be carried on for six weeks or more.

We therefore advise that the operative treatment and after treatment should be carried in Bombay.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) G. V. DESHMUKH,
M.D. (Lond.) F.R.C.S. (Eng.),

(Sd.) J. M. DAMANI,
F.R.C.S., F.P.S., D.L.O., London.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 400 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 17th July 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison :

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that Dr. Deshmukh and *Dr.* Damani saw State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel on 11th July 1933 and their report received today is attached hereto.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.),

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3529

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 19th July 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. S.D. 3375 dated the 6th July 1933, I am directed to state that you may now authorise the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to arrange *to deliver to Mr. Gandhi the unobjectionable* articles withheld during his detention in the prison.

2. With reference to your endorsement No. 501 dated the 10th instant, I am to state that the articles withheld under the orders of Government should be disposed of as follows :—

Description of article	Reference to Government letter ordering detention.	Orders of disposal
1. Letter dated 25th March 1932 from ' Hem- prabha Khadi Pratisthan, Sodpur, and its enclosure.	No. S. D. 3040 dated 18th April 1932.	May be delivered.
2. Letter dated 29th August 1932 from the Secretary, All Bengal Narnasudra Young-men's Association, Hatiara, Faridpur.	No. S. D. 5839, dated 10th September 1932.	<i>Should be destroyed.</i>
3. Letter dated 6th September 1932 from Mr. H. K. Hales, Calcutta.	No. S. D. 5909 , dated 15th September 1932.	May be delivered.
4. Telegram dated October 1932 from Dr. Syed Mahmud, Allahabad.	No. S. D. 6811, dated 1st November 1932.	May be delivered.
5. Letter dated 16th November 1932, from Mr. Harold K. Hales, Calcutta.	No. S. D. 7192 dated 23rd November 1932.	May be delivered.
6. Letter dated 20th November 1932 from Mr. Harold K. Hales, Culcutta	No. S. D. 7211, dated 24th November 1932.	May be delivered.
7. Letter dated 8th December 1932 from Mr. W. T. Halal, Mouj Ashram and its enclosure.	No. S. D. 7579, dated 14th December 1932.	May be delivered.
8. Letter dated 27th January 1933 from prisoner Appa Patwardhan, Ratnagiri District Prison (herewith returned).	No. S. D. 524, dated 6th February 1933.	May be delivered.
9. Note from the Secretary of the Untouchability League, Nawabashah.	No. S. D. 600 dated 10th February 1933.	<i>Should be destroyed.</i>
10. Letter dated 12th February 1933 from Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Bombay (herewith returned).	No. S. D. 734 dated 21st February 1933.	May be delivered.
11. Telegram dated 8th March 1933, from ' Sarma, Assembly Member, New Delhi.'	No. S. D. 1064 dated 11th March 1933.	May be delivered.
12. Letter dated 4th March 1933 from Vasanji Mulji, Bombay.	No. S. D. 1064 dated 11th March 1933.	May be delivered.
13. Letter dated 8th March 1933 from Dhanavati Ranka.	No. S.D. 1153, dated 16th March 1933.	<i>Should be destroyed.</i>
14. Letter dated 10th March 1933 from A. R. Tijaray, Nagpur City.	No. S.D. 1153, dated 16th March.1933.	<i>Should be destroyed.</i>

Description of article	Reference to Government letter ordering detention.	Orders of disposal.
15. Telegram dated 13th March 1933 from the President, Marwari Yuvak Mandal, Yeotmal.	No. S. D. 1210, dated 20th March 1933.	<i>Should be destroyed.</i>
16. Telegram dated 18th March 1933 from Dhanavati Ranka, Nagpur.	No. S.D. 1235 dated 21st March 1933.	<i>Should be destroyed.</i>
17. Letter dated 15th March 1933 from Vice President, All-Bengal Depressed Classes Federation, Calcutta.	No. S.D. 1271 dated 23rd March 1933.	May be delivered.
18. Letter dated 14th March 1933 from Khandkar Md. Zakaria, Salar.	No. S.D. 1271 dated 23rd March 1933.	May be delivered.
19. Book entitled ' Gandhi versus The Empire ' by Haridas T. Muzumdar sent by the Universal Publishing Co. of New York.	No. S. D. 2563 dated 12th May 1933.	<i>Should not be delivered-Retained by Government.</i>

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Below Confidential letter, Home Department (Political) No. S.D. 3529 dated 19th July 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 511 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 19th July 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments with reference to his Confidential No. C. 398 dated 8th July 1933.

These should be disposed of according to the orders of Government now issued.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments,

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 406 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 31st July 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 6590 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th July 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To
The Collector of Surat.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel in connection with the notice served on him regarding the Collector's inquiry as to whether permission to convert the land of Kumbhia in Valod Mahal to non-agricultural use was obtained or not, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.)
for Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3610
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 22nd July 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 509, dated the 17th July 1933, I am directed to refer to the decision of Government conveyed in my letter No. S.D. 3098 dated the 19th June 1933, that if Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel is willing to undergo the operation in the Sassoon Hospital, Government will make the necessary arrangements but that they cannot allow the operation to be performed in any other Hospital in or outside Poona. I am to request that Mr. Patel may be informed that, in accordance with this decision, Government will make the necessary arrangements, if he desires, for the operation to be performed in the Sassoon Hospital by Dr. Deshmukh or Dr. Damani or any other Doctor selected by him but that they regret that they cannot allow the operation to be performed in any other hospital.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 513 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 24th July 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison. Government's decision should be communicated to State prisoner V. Patel.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 404 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 29th July 1933

Returned with compliments.

The decision of Government has been communicated to State prisoner Vallabhabhai Patel accordingly.

(Sd.).....,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 402 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 24th July 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a wire from State prisoner V. J. Patel to Mrs. Sen Gupta, Calcutta and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) A. E. KATELY,
for Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3644
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 25th July 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 514 dated the 24th July, I am directed to return herewith the telegram which Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel proposes

to send to Mrs. Sen Gupta, Calcutta, and to state that the telegram may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.),

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 403 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 26th July 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith Confidential letter No. S.D. 3644 dated 25th July 1933 from Government, Home Department (Political) received here last night under your instructions and to state that the telegram was allowed to go on accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) A. E. KATELY,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

for Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 405 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 29th July 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from State prisoner V. J. Patel, regarding his operation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.),

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Dear Mr. Kately,

With reference to the orders of Government regarding my operation communicated to me on 25th July I was awaiting the return of Col. Martin for submitting my reply through him as I thought I would be able to explain to him that the decision of Government required reconsideration. As however the Inspector-General has been inquiring about my reply I am sending it now through you. Government may be informed that I am unable to secure the services of any good doctor of Bombay to undertake the responsibility of performing the operation in Poona as proposed. My medical friends advise me that the operation should be performed in Bombay. They are of opinion that it will have to be performed in two or three stages and they also consider the after treatment in this case merely as important as the operation itself. The approximate time required for the operation and the treatment would be about six weeks and my medical friends who are very busy practitioners in Bombay cannot afford to take up a case which would require their constant attendance here for at least a number of days. My pain in the meanwhile is increasing and becoming almost unbearable but as I have no choice in the matter I can only wait till Government is advised by their own medical advisors that something should be done to relieve me of my trouble.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) VALLABHBHAI PATEL.

Yeravda Central Prison.

Dated 29th July 1933.

Mrs. Sen Gupta,
Calcutta.

Deeply grieved shocked hear sad demise of my dear friend and esteemed colleague. Whole country mourns great national loss and shares your sorrow.

VALLABHBHAI PATEL

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3728

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 31st July 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Police,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a Warrant under Bombay Regulation XXV of 1827 for the restraint at the Nasik Road, Central Prison of Mr. Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel, who is at present under restraint at the Yeravda Central Prison, and to request that you will arrange to deliver it to Mr. John Baldwin, Deputy Superintendent of Police, to whom it has been endorsed, with the necessary instructions for conveying the State prisoner from the Yeravda Central Prison to the Nasik Road, Central Prison.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3729

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 31st July 1933

Copy forwarded to : —

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency,

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, (with a request that the Warrant under Bombay Regulation XXV of 1827, under which Mr. Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel is restrained in the Yeravda Central Prison may now be returned to Government for cancellation),

The Commissioner, Central Division,

The District Magistrate, Nasik.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.).....,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Warrant

HOME DEPARTMENT

Poona, 1st August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Nasik Road Central Prison.

Whereas the Governor in Council, for good and sufficient reasons, has resolved that Mr. Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel, who is at present under personal restraint at the Yeravda Central Prison, shall be placed under personal restraint in the Nasik Road Central Prison, you are hereby ordered in pursuance of that resolution to receive the person abovenamed into your custody and to deal with him in conformity with the orders of the Governor in Council and the provisions of the Bombay Regulation XXV of 1827.

By order of the Governor in Council,
R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 3743

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 1st August 1933

Endorsed to Mr. John Baldwin, Deputy Superintendent of Police, who should remove the said Mr. Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel from the Yeravda Central Prison and deliver him, together with this Warrant, as soon as possible to the Superintendent of the Nasik Road Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,
R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 411 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 1st August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Nasik Road Central Prison, Nasik Road.

Sir,

In connection with the detention of State prisoner V. J. Patel in Nasik Road Central Prison, as per Government of Bombay, Home Department Order

dated 1st August 1933, I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of Government of India, Home Department No. D. 1292/32-Political dated 15th February 1932 sanctioning the monthly allowance of Rs. 100 to State prisoner V. J. Patel for your information.

He is required to be medically examined every quarter and report sent to Government. His last examination took place on 3rd July 1933. His weight on 26th July 1933 was 137 lbs.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 410 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 1st August 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,

Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Sir,

In returning herewith the warrant under which State prisoner V. J. Patel was restrained in the Yeravda Central Prison, I have the honour to report that V. J. Patel has this day been handed over to Mr. John Baldwin, Deputy Superintendent of Police, for being taken to Nasik Road Central Prison as per Government order No. S.D. 3728, Home Department, (Political), dated 31st July 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 410 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 1st August 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
Nasik Road Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that State prisoner Vallabhbhai J. Patel has this day been transferred to your Institution under orders from the Government of Bombay.

P. P. C. Rs. 64-15-3 and balance of his monthly allowance Rs. 35-6-3 (Total Rs. 100-5-6) are sent herewith.

His monthly allowance has been drawn up to and for the month of November 1932.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) A. E. KATELY,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

for Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 415 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 3rd August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Nasik Road Central Prison, Nasik Road.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter addressed to State prisoner V. J. Patel for favour of disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 4651 of 1933
 NASIK: ROAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
 Dated 3rd August 1933

From

Major, M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent, Nasik Road Central Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to request you to kindly send me a copy of Government orders about interviews, letters etc. for State prisoner Vallabhbhai J. Patel.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Nasik Road Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 418 of 1933
 YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
 Dated 4th August 1933\

From

The Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
 Nasik Road Central Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith two letters received here for Vallabhbhai Patel, for favour of further disposal.

Two newspapers received here for him (Vallabhbhai Patel) have been sent separately by Book-Post to your address.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3813
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 4th August 1933

RESOLUTION

In pursuance of the Resolution that Mr. Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel who was kept under restraint in the Yeravda Central Prison under Bombay Regulation XXV of 1827 shall be removed to the Nasik Road Central Prison and there restrained during the pleasure of Government, the Governor in Council is pleased to direct as follows.

2. The allowance of one hundred rupees per mensem sanctioned in Resolution No. S.D. 117, dated the 7th January 1932, should be continued during his detention in the Nasik Road Central Prison. The allowance should be drawn by the Superintendent of the Nasik Road Central Prison from the Nasik Treasury.
3. The District Magistrate of Nasik, or in his absence from his headquarters an Assistant or Deputy Collector authorised by him, shall visit Mr. Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel at least twice a month, and submit to Government after each visit a report regarding his health and treatment.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 430 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th August 1933

From

The Superintendent.
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Superintendent,
Nasik Road Central Prison.

Sir,

With reference to your Confidential letter No. 4651 dated 3rd August 1933, I have the honour to attach herewith the copy of instructions contained in Government, Home Department confidential letter No. S.D. 310 dated 16th

January 1932 regarding privileges allowed to State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 4007

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 18th August 1933

ERRATUM

In Government Resolution No. S.D. 3813, dated the 4th August 1933, substitute the following for paragraph 3 :—

" The District Magistrate of Nasik, or, in his absence from his headquarters, the Huzur Mamlatdar, shall visit Mr. Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel at least twice a month, and submit to Government after each visit a report regarding his health and treatment".

By order of the Governor in Council,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 412 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 3rd August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from detenu M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, Poona, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

As at

IMPERIAL CITIZENSHIP ASSOCIATION,
235, Hornby Road,
Bombay, 3rd August 1933

Dear Sir,

I am coming out to India by the P. & O. S. S. Cathay arriving Bombay on August 17th. If Mr. Gandhi is under arrest or imprisoned may I ask from you permission to see him before going North. I am sending this by air mail to reach you before my arrival.

Your sincerely,

(Sd.) C. F. ANDREWS.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 413 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 3rd August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a telegram from Charlie, London, addressed to detenu M. K. Gandhi, for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

D.O. No. 57 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS
Bombay Presidency
Poona, 3rd August 1933

My dear Martin,

I send you herewith the two envelopes in which the communication meant for Government was received. You will observe that there was no indication any where that this missive was to be treated as urgent. The consequence being that the messenger took over an hour to arrive here from Yeravda Central Prison.

This in any case seems to be a habit of this Sepoy's and he seems to be a specialist in wasting time en route when on a message.

I consider the people responsible for this inordinate delay should get it in the neck as it is things of this sort that make this Department look exceedingly small.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE

To

Lt-Col R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

I have already given the D.I.G., C.I.D., a list of the newspapers which were allowed to M. K. Gandhi namely.

R. V. MARTIN

When he was a State prisoner he was given the below mentioned papers without censoring them. Some Marathi papers were also received and from them only two articles bearing on Harijan work were given to him.

During his present term of imprisonment he has so far only been given the *Times of India* and that has been censored.

Times of India.

Bombay Chronicle.

The Leader (Allahabad).

The Hindu (Madras).

The Indian Social Reformer.

The Tribune (Lahore).

The Modern Review.

The Young India.

The Navjivan.

SECRET

No. S.D. 3810

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 4th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxweil, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith Government Orders No. S.D. 3804 and No. S.D. 3805, of today's date directing the release from custody in the Yeravda Central Prison of detenus Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Mahadev Haribhai Desai, respectively. The detenus should be released at 9 a.m., *this day* the 4th August 1933. Immediately before their release, however, you are directed to serve them, respectively, with Government Orders No. S.D. 3806 and No. S.D. 3808 of today's date, each attached in duplicate, under section 4 of the Bombay Special (Emergency) Powers Act, 1932. The orders under section 4 marked at the top " Copy for service " should be handed to the detenus and their signatures taken in token of service on the duplicate orders bearing the endorsement addressed to you for execution.

2. You are requested to report to the District Magistrate, Poona, and to Government when the orders under section 4 have been actually served and also the time when the two detenus are released from custody. The

orders under section 4 bearing the signatures of the detenus should be sent at the same time to the District Magistrate, Poona.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 416 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th August 1933

From

Lt. Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Sir,

In accordance to Government, Home Department No. S.D. 3810, dated 4th August 1933, forwarding two release orders Nos. S.D. 3804 and S.D. 3805 of date in the case of detenus Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Mahadev Haribhai Desai, I have the honour to report that the detenus have this day been released at 9-5 a.m.

Government order No. 3806 of date has been served on Monhandas Karamchand Gandhi and order No. S.D. 3808 of date served on Mahadev Haribhai Desai immediately before their release.

Orders under section 4 have been handed over to both of them, and their signatures have been taken on the duplicate orders which have this day been sent to the District Magistrate, Poona as directed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 417 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th August 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to the District Magistrate, Poona together with the two Government Home Department orders No. S.D. 3806 and 3808 of date duly served on detenus Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Mahadev Haribhai Desai respectively who have this day been released at 9-5 a.m. in accordance with the Government order No. S.D. 3810 of date.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Sir,

In continuation of this office Confidential letter No. C. 416 dated 4th August 1933, I have the honour to return herewith the Government Home Department Orders Nos. S.D. 3804 dated 4th August 1933 and No. S.D. 3805 dated 4th August 1933 in the case of Detenue No. 77/D Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Detenue No. 78/D Mahadeo Haribhai Desai respectively as the Detenus have this day (4th August 1933) been released at 9-5 a.m. in pursuance of the above orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The District Magistrate,
Ahmedabad.

Sir,

I have the honour to return herewith two Warrants of Detention in the case of Detenus No. 77/D Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and No. 78/D Mahadeo Desai who have this day (4th August 1933) been released at 9-5 a.m. in pursuance of Government Home Department Orders Nos. S.D. 3804 dated 4th August 1933 and No. S.D. 3805 dated 4th August 1933 respectively.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.),

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 77/D

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

Date of Admission 2nd August 1933.

Detenue 77.

Name—Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

Date of Admission—2nd August 1933.

(Sd.).....,

Superintendent,

Released on 4th August 1933 at 9-5 a.m. *vide* Government Order No. S.D. 3804 dated 4th August 1933.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN.

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Warrant of Detention

To

The Jailor,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Whereas Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi has been arrested under section 3(1) of the Bombay Special (Emergency) Powers Act and produced before me on 1st August 1933 and whereas it has been decided to keep him in custody under section 3 (2) of the said Act. This is to authorise you to receive the said M. K. Gandhi and keep him in your custody.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of August 1933.

(Sd.),

District Magistrate, Ahmedabad.

No. 78/D

Mahadeo Desai

Date of Admission 2nd August 1933

Detenue 78.

Name—Mahadeo Desai.

Date of Admission 2nd August 1933.

(Sd.).....,

Jailor, Superintendent.

Released on 4th August 1933 at 9-5 a.m. *vide* Government Order No. S.D. 3805, dated 4th August 1933.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Warrant of Detention

To

The Jailor,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Whereas Mahadev Desai has been arrested under section 3(1) of the Bombay Special (Emergency) Powers Act and produced before me on 1st August 1933 and whereas it has been decided to keep him in custody under section 3 (2) of the said Act This is to authorise you to receive the said Mahadev Desai and keep him in your custody.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of August 1933.

(Sd.).....,

District Magistrate, Ahmedabad.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The District Magistrate, Ahmedabad.

Sir,

I have the honour to return herewith two Warrants of Detention in the case of Detenues Nos. 77/D Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and No. 78/D Mahadeo Desai who have this day (4th August 1933) been released at 9-5 a.m. in pursuance of Government Home Department Orders Nos. S.D. 3804 dated 4th August 1933 and No. S.D. 3805, dated 4th August 1933 respectively.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 420 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th August 1933

From

Lt. Col., R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from Undertrial prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 3804

Order

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Bombay Special (Emergency) Powers Act, 1932, read with section 21 of the Bombay General Clauses Act, 1904, the Governor in Council is pleased to cancel so much of Order No. 99, dated the 31st July 1933, as relates to the custody of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi in Yeravda Central Prison and direct the release of the said Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi from the said custody.

By order of the Governor in Council,

Dated at Poona, this 4th day of August 1933.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay.
Home Department.

Released on 4th August 1933 at 9-5 a.m.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent.
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 3805

Order

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Bombay Special (Emergency) Powers Act, 1932, read with section 21 of the Bombay General Clauses Act, 1904, the Governor in Council is pleased to cancel so much of Order No. 99, dated the 31st July 1933, as relates to the custody of Mahadev Haribhai Desai in Yeravda Central Prison and direct the release of the said Mahadev Haribhai Desai from the said custody.

By order of the Governor in Council.

Dated at Poona, this 4th day of August 1933.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Released on 4th August 1933 at 9-5 a.m.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3833
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 5th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 2nd August 1933 and to your endorsement No. 528 dated the 4th August 1933, forwarding letters from Mr. M. K. Gandhi to the Superintendent, of the Ahmedabad Central Prison and to Government, respectively, in which he requests the grant of facilities to enable him to resume his anti-untouchability work, I am directed to state that Mr. Gandhi should be informed that his request is under consideration and that it will not be possible to give him a reply by Monday next.

2. In returning herewith the telegram dated the 31st July from Gurdit Singh Dara, Oxford, which accompanied your letter of the 2nd August and which was received while Mr. Gandhi was a detenu under section 3 of the Bombay Special (Emergency) Powers Act, 1932, I am to say that, in accordance with clause 7 of Government Circular in the Home Department No. 205/3 dated the 27th January 1932, the telegram should be withheld and Mr. Gandhi informed of the fact.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

H.O. No. 535
7th August 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison

Forwarded with compliments for communication to 'A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi. Please return.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

Poona, 6th August 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 426 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th August 1933

Returned with compliments.

Para. 1 has been communicated.

Para. 2 Telegram retained and prisoner informed to that effect.

(Sd.).....,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

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Lc rupees eleven and fifteen.

Mahatma Gandhi Bombay Ahmedabad

Sabarmati.

may providence help you in your mission we ask your blessings.

Gurdetsingh Dara, Editor, *United India*, and friends.

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CONFIDENTIAL**URGENT**

No. C./421 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th August 1933

From

Lt. Col. R. V Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir

I have the honour to request for urgent orders on the following points in connection with prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi sentenced to one year simple imprisonment on 4th August 1933 and given Class 'A'.

I enclose also a letter the prisoner has written to me on the same subject.

1. *Rations*.—This prisoner's requirements are not in accordance with the articles of diet as laid down for 'A and B' Class prisoners. He does not

wish to supplement his own diet, and I therefore request that I may be informed whether he should be supplied with those articles he requires as given heretofore, and if so in what way the account should be adjusted.

2. *Correspondence*.—Under the rules he is entitled to receive and write two letters per week.

I may please be informed as to what is to be done with the masses of correspondence and newspapers which are already accumulating for him and which continue to arrive by every mail.

This prisoner also has usually many letters and telegrams he desires to send, what should be done in these cases.

3. What newspapers are to be given to the prisoner and at whose expense.

4. *Harijan* editors are demanding interviews. Kindly state what reply should be given.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3849

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, dated 6th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to his letter* of the 6th August 1933 addressed to Government in which Mr. Gandhi requests permission (1) to see Mr. Anand Hingorani or Mr. Kalelkar in connection with next week's issue of the *Harijan* newspaper. (2) to reply to a letter received by him from Dr. Tagore about the Poona Pact, and (3) to write to Mr. Vinoba of the Wardha Ashram, Miss Mary Barr, Nila Nagini Devi, Dr. Margarete Spiegel and Mr. Duncan Greenless, I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed as follows :—

2. *First request*.—He is allowed *one* interview with *one* of the persons mentioned in order to hand him manuscripts and give oral instructions. It

should be explained to Mr. Gandhi, however, that, pending orders on his general request under consideration, this permission is granted under clause (1) of Rule 454 of the Bombay Jail Manual which allows a newly admitted prisoner one or two interviews for the purpose of settling his private affairs, and that it cannot be repeated unless Government decide to grant him special facilities for carrying on his work.

3. *Second request.*—As Dr. Tagore's letter (herewith returned) appears to have reached Mr. Gandhi before his conviction he is allowed to answer it, but unless his reply is confined to a bare acknowledgment, it will have to count as a fortnightly letter to which he is entitled as an 'A' Class prisoner.

4. *Third request.*—There is no provision for such correspondence in the rules governing the treatment of prisoners, and Government regret that they are unable to grant this request as an additional facility. Mr. Gandhi can, however, make any of the persons named the addressee of a fortnightly letter which he is entitled to write as an 'A' Class prisoner.

Returned with compliments.

2. The special diet to which 'A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi has been accustomed, and which we know is the only diet that he can digest may be allowed to him on Medical grounds, at the expense of the State.

3. By Government Resolution, Home Department No. 6039/2V dated the 3rd April 1930. para. 5(7). 'A' Class prisoners are entitled to receive and write one letter, and have one interview per fortnight. I am unaware of the order quoted by you.

However, detailed orders in respect of letters and correspondence will issue from Government, meanwhile the orders covering these concessions for 'A' Class prisoners should apply to M. K. Gandhi.

4. The orders governing the allowance of Newspapers to 'A' Class prisoners will apply in the case of 'A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

5. The Editors should be informed that no 'demands' are attended to by, the prison authorities. If they have any *request* to make, they should do so to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Poona.

H.O. No. 534

7th August 1933

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Below Government, Home Department Letter No. S.D. 3849 dated 6th August 1933, received from the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 427 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th August 1933

Returned with compliments.

2. The contents of this letter were communicated to the prisoner at 10-15 p.m. on 6th August 1933.
3. Dr. Tagore's letter has been returned to the prisoner in original.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Poona, 7th August 1933.

My dear Martin,

Herewith the copy asked for. I shall send you a reply reg. your letter later.
I return M. K. Gandhi's letter to you.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th August 1933

Dear Col. Martin,

Will you kindly let me have a copy of the Government's reply read to me last night or let me make a copy ?

In accordance with the reply to the first request, I am now ready with the manuscript for the *Harijan*. Will you kindly therefore ring up Sjt. Kodanda-rao, Servants of India Society, and ask him to send Kakasaheb Kalelkar, and if he is not available, Sjt. Anand Hingorani, at 3 O'clock today, so as to enable me to hand over the MSS. and give instructions.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Nothing much in this, but as I mentioned its receipt I thought you might like to see it ? May I please have it back.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 425 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col., R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from ' A' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Poona, for favour of disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

The letter referred to and enclosed by M. K. Gandhi was given to him with his correspondence when he was released on Friday.

(Sd.) R. V, MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/429 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th August 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a Telegram for ' A ' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed by ' E ' by 57 Freiburgreisgau for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 538 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 7th August 1933

Returned with compliments.

Two. The telegram in question should be filed.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 434 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 9th August 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the telegram.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,

Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/433 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 8th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col., R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,

Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from an ' A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/432 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 8th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col., R. V. Martin, IMS.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from ' A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government of Bombay, Home Department, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col., I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 541 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th August 1933

From

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

With reference to your confidential letter No. C/433 dated 8th August 1933, I have the honour to state that Mr. Gandhi should be informed with reference to his letter addressed to me that —

1. State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel has not had any operation performed.
2. I do not possess any more information than that which was published in today's issue of the *Times of India* ; which presumably he also has seen.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3876
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 8th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the telegram for Mr. M. K. Gandhi forwarded with your endorsement dated the 5th August 1933, I am directed to state

that the jail authorities should deal with all such communications under the ordinary rules applicable to ' A ' Class prisoners.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 543 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th August 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for information and future guidance.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/437 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th August 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the telegram. Do these instructions apply also to all letters ? The registered letters received have been returned to the Post Office, as it is not possible to give a receipt for them and retain them in our possession.

All other letters, newspapers etc. in very large quantities are lying here unopened. It will be difficult to store them for a year.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

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Superintendent

To

Mahatma Gandhi Yeravda Jail, Poona. Shravani renewing pledges for Vedic Study Harijans and their servants feeling shepherdless secure governments permission Harijan work government chivalrous no humiliation.

HARIJANDAS.
BAJI KRISHNARAO.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/431 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for ' A' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed by Gerald Taylor Fishponds for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R.V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 572 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th August 1933

Returned with compliments. The telegram should be withheld.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S..

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/435 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th August 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the telegram.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN.
Lt-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

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Mohandas Gandhi Jail Poona

By the grace of God.

I Abhor British Robbery.

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GERALD TAYLOR

No. 6802 of 1933

AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Sabarmati, 10th August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison;

To

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith two letters written by ' A' Class female prisoners Nos. 8296 Miraben (Miss Slade) and 10027 Mrs. Gandhi for ' A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi for disposal.

The letters have been censored here by this office but it may please be censored again before delivering them to the prisoner in question.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/436 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 10th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from an ' A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. D.O. S.D. 3933
HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)
Poona, 11th August 1933

My dear Doyle,

Please see your demi official letter No. 536 of the 7th instant about Mr. Gandhi's incoming post.

I am to say that, pending orders on Mr. Gandhi's general request for facilities to carry on Harijan work which is under consideration, Government approve of Martin's suggestion that the post should be received by the prison authorities and handed over to an agent from outside the prison appointed by Mr. Gandhi to receive it. If, however, Mr. Gandhi does not consent to nominate an agent, he should be asked to mention, in order of preference, the names of several correspondents from whom he expects letters in each fortnight. The last letter received from the correspondent highest on the list, can then be delivered to him.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R.M.MAXWELL.

To

Lt-Col. E. E. Doyle C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 553 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and guidance with reference to his D.O. dated 7th August 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/438 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th August 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from an ' A ' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th August 1933

Dear Col. Martin,

Will you please read the enclosed and forward it as early as you can to the proper quarters ? That is of course if no reply has yet been received to my request regarding Harijan work.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3958
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 14th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 547, dated the 10th August 1933, forwarding a letter of the same date addressed to Government by Mr. Gandhi, I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed that he is permitted to have another interview with the editor of the *Harijan* newspaper under clause (1) of Rule 454 of the Bombay Jail Manual, in order to hand him manuscripts and give oral instructions. It should be explained to Mr. Gandhi that this permission is granted pending the issue of final orders on his general request for facilities to resume his anti-untouchability work.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 557 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to M. K. Gandhi.
This has a reference to his confidential No. C. 436 dated 10th August 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 439 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 15th August 1933

Noted and returned with compliments. The contents have been duly communicated to M. K. Gandhi.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 440 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 15th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col., R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir.

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from an ' A' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed to me for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3982
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 16th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. S.D. 3958, dated the 14th August 1933, I am directed to request that the following orders may be communicated to Mr. Gandhi regarding his request for facilities to resume his anti-untouchability work.

2. Government have decided to allow him the following concessions for anti-untouchability work only :—

- (1) to receive newspapers and periodicals but not to be allowed interviews for publication in the press whether with press correspondents or others ;
- (2) to see not more than two visitors a day ;
- (3) to be allowed to send instructions or contributions to the editor of the *Harijan* three times a week and a limited number of letters to other correspondents ;
- (4) to have at his disposal a convict typist and such books, newspapers etc., as are needed for Harijan work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 560 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and guidance in continuation of this office No. 557 dated 14th August 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 3987
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 16th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

Revd. C. F. Andrews,
Imperial Citizenship Association,
235, Hornby Road, Bombay.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 3rd August 1933 addressed to the Honourable the Home Member, I am directed to inform you that you can have a special interview with Mr. Gandhi only if you intend to confine yourself to the subject of untouchability. If not, you may apply to the Superintendent of the Yeravda Central Prison for an ordinary interview when it becomes due.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 3988
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 16th August 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to :—

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3987
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 16th August 1933

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 443 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from an 'A' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed to me for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

D.O. No. S.D. 3994
HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)
Poona, 17th August 1933

My dear Doyle,

Among the points raised in Mr. Gandhi's letter of this morning, which Martin forwarded through you with his letter herewith returned, there are some which are sufficiently covered by the orders already issued, as explained below. Mr. Gandhi may be allowed to avail himself of all or any of the concessions which have been sanctioned so long as his state of health permits.

(1) His request to see Kalelkar or Hingorani in connection with the editing of the *Harijan*.

He is not debarred from seeing these persons or any other person chosen to edit the *Harijan* subject to the prescribed maximum of two visitors daily for all purposes.

(2) His request to receive letters and newspapers already delivered at the jail but withheld from him pending orders.

The Government of India agreed that Mr. Gandhi may be allowed to receive all correspondence *relating exclusively* to untouchability. Letters and newspapers already received since the commencement of his present term of imprisonment may therefore be delivered to him after censorship, and future correspondence may be similarly dealt with. You may, if necessary, propose such extra staff as may be required for this censorship. In the meanwhile a beginning should be made in delivering to him, after scrutiny, the accumulated, correspondence. In doing so, newspapers may be dealt with on the same lines as before.

(3) The number of letters which he is allowed to send to other correspondents (i.e. in addition to the transmission of matter three times a week to the Editor of the *Harijan*) is subject to further orders, but for the present two letters a day would not be regarded as unreasonable.

As regards interviews while Mr. Gandhi is fasting, you may use your discretion in deciding where they should take place. For the present two interviews a day may be allowed, but Mr. Gandhi should be warned that if his fast continues interviews may have to be curtailed in the interests of his health.

A copy of Mr. Gandhi's letter of yesterday evening, which is referred to at the beginning of Martin's letter, is enclosed herewith for your information.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 4004
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 18th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I am directed to request that a report may be obtained from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, every morning and forwarded to Government with the least possible delay stating whether Mr. Gandhi is continuing his fast and what his present condition appears to be. It is the intention of Government to transfer Mr. Gandhi to a hospital before the danger point of the fast is reached and I am to ask you to consider and let Government have your views as to the most convenient stage for this transfer. I am to point out that, while it is not the intention of Government to separate Mr. Mahadev Desai from Mr. Gandhi prior to Mr. Gandhi's removal from jail, there would be no objection to transferring Mahadev Desai as soon as the removal takes place. From this point of view it may be of advantage to move Mr. Gandhi at an earlier rather than at a later stage of the fast, as he would then be away from Mr. Mahadev Desai's influence.

2. I am to suggest that as on the last occasion it may help to lessen the responsibility of the jail authorities and to prevent alarmist rumours from spreading among the public if an outside medical practitioner were allowed to visit Mr. Gandhi during his fast in a consulting capacity. It is suggested that Dr. Gilder, who is now in Poona, should be the person selected for this

purpose and I am to request you to report in consultation with the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, whether you see any objection to this course.

I have etc.,
 (Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
 Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
 Home Department.

" True Copy "

Personal Assistant, to the Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3995
 HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
 Poona, 18th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, I.C.S., C.I.E.,
 Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
 Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed as follows with reference to the points raised in his letter of the 17th August addressed to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

(1) and (5) He is not debarred from seeing Messrs. Kalelkar or Hingorani or the editor of the *Harijan* among other visitors, so long as the limit of two visitors a day for all purposes is not exceeded.

(2) and (7) Instructions have already been issued to deliver to Mr. Gandhi, after necessary censorship, all letters relating to untouchability including those already received. He is also allowed the use of newspapers addressed or brought to him for untouchability work only.

(3) The orders bind him not to give interviews for the purpose of publication and in particular they debar interviews with press correspondents.

(6) The number of letters which he is allowed to send to other correspondents (in addition to the transmission of matter three times a week to the Editor of the *Harijan*) will be limited to five daily.

2. With reference to the postscript of his letter, Mr. Gandhi should be informed that he will be given a list of convicts from whom he can select a typist but that the list will not include Chhaganlal Joshi.

3. Mr. Gandhi should also be informed that if even now he is willing to abandon all civil disobedience activities and incitement Government are

prepared to set him at liberty at once and remit the sentence so that he can devote himself to the cause of social reform.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant.
 (Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
 Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
 Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 566 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 18th August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of necessary action.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
 Lt-Col., I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 446 of 1933
 YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
 Dated 19th August 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from an ' A ' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed to The Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant.
 (Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
 Lt-Col., I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 445 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 19th August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a telegram from M. K. Gandhi addressed to ' Vidyut' Bombay and to inquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

A wire came yesterday saying that some one called Kaka had died which I gave to M. K. Gandhi ; this is a reply to this query.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 570 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 19th August 1933

Returned with compliments.

The telegram may be allowed to go on.

I sincerely hope the prayer is granted.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 448 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th August 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniment.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 568 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 19th August 1933

From

Lt-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.

Sir,

With reference to Government, Home Department letter No. S.D. 4004 dated 18th August 1933, I have the honour to inform you that I have directed the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison to send you direct, a copy to this office, a report as required in para. I of your letter.

2. I consider the transfer should take place as soon as it is considered necessary to employ expert nurses. This means at a stage when though the danger point has not been reached, it is inadvisable for the person concerned to exert himself. I request that suitable accommodation be arranged.

3. The orders in respect of the transfer of the ' B ' Class prisoner is noted, and will be put into effect at the time ordered.

4. I have consulted the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, and we agree that the services of Dr. Gilder, M.D., in a consulting capacity would be welcome, and would request that he be placed in direct communication with me.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 569 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 19th August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy, together with a copy of Home Department letter No. S.D. 4004, dated 18th August 1933, forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 444 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 19th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the daily report on ' A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi for 19th August 1933 morning 8.30 a.m.

General condition	Good.
Pulse	77 per minute.
Temperature	97.2
Weight	96 ¹ / ₂ lbs.
Urine examination	Nothing abnormal.
Tongue clean	
No jaundice	

Is suffering from nausea and has vomited twice, yesterday afternoon and again this morning.
I consider his condition is quite satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
LT.-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 447 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from ' A' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed to me for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 449 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th August 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. S. Candy, I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona.
and
Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Poona.

Sir,

We the undersigned have the honour to report that we have this morning examined ' A ' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi, and find ;

That during the past 24 hours a change for the worse has occurred.

He has lost $1\frac{1}{2}$ in weight, owing to nausea and vomiting, his intake of water has diminished considerably, and this is reflected in some dryness of the tongue, smell of acetone in the breath, and shrunken face.

His present condition is now rather unsatisfactory.

Morning temperature	96.6
Pulse	70
Weight	95 lbs.
Blood pressure	152/98
Urine	Nothing abnormal.

We consider the stage has now been reached for his transfer to a hospital to take place.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. S. CADDY,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL
URGENT

No. 450 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

To

The Police Officer i/c
Head Quarters, Bhamburda.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that under the orders of Government one ' B ' Class Civil Disobedience Movement prisoner is to be transferred to the Belgaum Central Prison today by 8 p.m. train and to request you to kindly arrange to send the necessary escort so as to reach here this evening at 6 p.m.

Please acknowledge receipt per bearer.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.).....,
for Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

I am taking with me no books or paper belonging to Mahatma Gandhi.

Dated 21st August 1933.

(Sd.) MAHADEO DESAI.

Dear Col. Martin,

I have a chit for you from Mahatma Gandhi. Will you please spare a minute or two for me ?

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) KAKA KALELKAR.

Dated 22nd August 1933.

Dated 22nd August 1933.

The Jailor, Yeravda Jail.
Please give the bearer M. K. Gandhi's list as arranged.

(Sd.).....,
A. D. I. G.,
C. I. B.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 451 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 23rd August 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Deputy Inspector-General of Police,
C.I.D.. Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from ' A ' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed to me for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col I.M.S.",
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

PARNAKUTI

Poona, 24th August 1933

Dear Col. Martin,

When you sent me to Sassoon Hospital I took with me my clothes and certain other things, but not my books, spinning wheels etc. Will you kindly hand these to Kaka Saheb Kalelkar, as also books that you might have received whilst I was under your custody and which were not given to me?

Yours sincerely.
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI

Lt.-Col.. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda.

Dear Col. Martin.

Mahatma Gandhi has asked me to fetch his books and other things lying in the jail. I have a letter to deliver to you. Can I see you presently ?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) Kaka Kalelkar

Dated 25th August 1933.

Hindustan Prachin History.
 Vir Vibhuti.
 Tarkse Vedka Arth.
 Akash Darshun two books.
 Sanskrit Praveshika.
 Dryan Padyamala.
 Tillotama.
 Chopadi.
 Manko V'ash Karneka Upay.
 Sapta Mahavrata.
 Chandrahas.
 Hamara Kalank.
 Bhustar Vidnyan.
 Madhpudo.
 Arogya Patrika.
 Federation of Indian Chambers.
 Zamarin College Magazine.
 Vaishali two books.
 Gita Dharma.
 Annual Market Review 1931-32.
 Markandey Puran 1st and 2nd.
 Anath.
 Shudhi Sarvasam.
 Indian Review.
 Jiven Granth Saheli.
 Sadgranth Panchgranthi.
 Mother.
 Vaidik Vinay two books.
 Essays an Marathi Grammar.
 Shishu and Sakhi.
 Jayandrath Vadh.
 Rang me Bhang.
 Shankuntala.

Magic of the Stars.
 New Testament two books.
 Bhagvat Gita (English).
 Progress and Poverty two books.
 Social Problems.

List of Books

Prastiksmruti.
 Anagh.
 Chitrangada.
 Patil Prabhakar.
 Mandir Pravesh.
 Virhini Vrajangana.
 Agni Vidya.
 Gita Dahan two books.
 Tulsi Ramayanki Bhumika two books
 Spirit of Buddhism.
 Goraksha Kalpataru.
 Jivanmati Jadel.
 Pusti Marga.
 William Tell.
 Hindi Shaleya Sangraha.
 Hindi Dasbodh.
 Prachin Charitra Kosh.
 Shikar.
 Vinay Patrika two books.
 Sankhya Darshanam.
 Saket.
 Muslim Mahatmya.
 Bhagwan Kolilya.
 Vairagya Shatak,
 The Teaching of Islam.
 Bhagwat Gita (Hindi).
 The Way of the Wine Press.
 Keener Vision without Glasses.
 Directory.
 Rahasya Dipitka.
 First Book of Sanskrit.
 St. Francis of Assisi.
 Federal Finance in India.
 Wonder Lands of the Universe.

KAKA KALELKAR

26th August 1933

From Yeravda Mandir.
 Yamuna Lahari.
 Bhagvat Gita (Marathi).
 Gitai.

Astronomy for everybody.
 Punjab Alienation of Land Act IV
 Ed.
 Ingersoll Selections.
 American Out Post.
 Seen and Heard in a Punjab Village.
 The Adventure of the Black Girl.
 Christ in the Silence.
 The essential unity of all religions.
 The little flowers and the life of
 St. Francis.
 Light and colour in the Medical
 World three books.
 Speeches and writings of M. K.
 Gandhi.
 The Antiquity of Hindi Medicine.
 Indian Defence Problem.
 The Science of Social Organisation.
 Life and Experiences of a Bengali
 Chemist.
 The Dawn of Indian Freedom.
 The Coming Struggle for Power.
 Asiatic Asia.
 The Christ of the mount.
 The Souls of Sincere Desire.
 Book of Jewish thoughts.
 The Buddha and His Doctrines.
 Aspirations of Saint Tukaram Unity.
 A guide to health two books.
 My Soul's Agony.
 Triveni.
 A Rosary of Pearls.
 Vir Vibhuti.
 Dyanmukti.
 Urdu books 13.
 Canarese books five.
 Diaries two (one English and one
 Marathi).
 Modern Review two copies.
 Vishal Bharat two copies.
 Chitramaya Jagat.

Mangal Prabhat two book: >.
 The Gospel according to Saint
 John.
 Ashramvasi Patre.
 Gandhi Ashram.
 Patidar four books.
 Vasant.
 Legislative Assembly Debates.
 Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi.
 Cupid in the Slums.
 Saptadash Varsnik Vruttant.
 Proposals for Indian Constitutional
 Reforms.
 Batrisaum Granthasth Vangmay.
 Kulangar.
 Bal Bhagwat two books.
 Satyagrahashram five books.
 Ashparsha Nirnaya.
 Taru Rajay Awo.
 Harijan Bhajnavali.
 Dinakarandanam.
 Mudralekh.
 Balak Pralhad.
 Shri Bhagvat Gita with translation in
 English.
 Pacific affairs.
 Bhagvat Prasad.
 Notes on the Bhagvat Gita.
 Ashram Bhajnavali.
 Hindi Final Reader.
 Sant Johan.

KARA KALEKAR

26th August 1933

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| 3 Exercise books. | 1 Mug (German Silver). |
| 1 Duplicate book of letter writing. | 1 Kisani. |
| 1 File Harijan. | 1 Roll of Agarbatti. |
| | 3 Kettles. |
| 1 File Harijan Bandhu. | 4 Cups. |
| 1 File paper cuttings. | 5 Saucers. |
| 1 Envelope addressed to V. J. Patel
containing correspondence. | 1 Bottle dates. |
| 1 Paper bag containing corres-
pondence. | 6 Packets silk Hakes. |
| 1 Tin dall. | 1 Bottle cloves. |
| 1 Tin Soji. | 25 Bottles different medicines. |
| 1 Tin Pith. | 20 Bottles empty. |
| 1 Tin" condiments, | 2 Glass tumblers. |
| 1 Tin Sabu Dana. | 3 Packets mosquito destroyers. |
| 1 Tin Garlic. | 1 Packet artificial teeth. |
| 1 Tin empty. | 4 Tin Jantu Rashad. |
| 1 Bottle Ghee. | 1 Scale small. |
| 1 Box paper. | 1 Katar Aluminium. |
| 1 Bottle Gulkand. | 2 Tins Vitagem. |
| 1 Bottle Pickle. | 1 Tin Coffee. |
| 1 Empty tin box. | 1 Daba Aluminium. |
| 1 Tin Jaggery. | 1 Tin tea. |
| 1 Enema. | 1 Punching machine. |
| 1 Zanj. | 8 Bottles ink. |
| 2 Bottles lime juice. | 15 Writing pads. |
| 1 Churner. | 4 Pairs of cloth shoes. |
| 1 Bottle Salt. | 3 Packers of-thread. |
| 3 Bhaguna Aluminum. | 3 Packets cotton sliver. |
| 3 Plates Aluminium. | 4 Pen holders. |
| 4 Pots Aluminium. | 1 Bottle. |
| 1 Cover Aluminium. | 1 Packet of nails and pins. |
| 3 Brass Bhaguna. | 2 Cane baskets. |
| 4 Brass Plates. | 2 Bottles loose cotton. |
| 3 Brass Cups. | 1 Curtain reed. |
| 1 Brass Pan. | |
| 1 Enamel Bowl. | |
| 5 Pairs of Chappals. | |
| 2 Pillows. | |
| 3 Pillow cover. | |
| 2 Bottles Salt. | |
| 1 Bottle toor dall. | |
| 1 Bottle mug dall. | |
| 1 Brass (Spoon) (big). | |

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- 1 Piece of cloth (Shawl).
 - 18 Pieces of cloth (Towels).
 - 1 Bundle of letters and papers.
 - 1 Stove (Spirit).
 - 2 Charkhas. 2 Falkas.
 - 1 File containing 11 papers.

(Sd.) KAKA KALELKAR

26th August 1933

SECRET

No. S.D. 5

HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)

Bombay, 2nd January 1933

Dear Major Bhandari,

At the request of the Government of India we have been sending them and the Secretary of State for India a weekly letter indicating the general attitude and line of action being adopted by Mr. Gandhi as shown by his interviews and correspondence, and giving also generally the local Government's appreciation of the situation. At present, however beyond the information contained in Press reports and such letters or requests from Mr. Gandhi as are referred to Government officially for orders, we have no material for these weekly letters. We do not know, for instance, whether, under the general permission granted to her, Mrs. Naidu has yet had an interview with Mr. Gandhi, or how the results of other interviews appear to be reacting on his health or spirits, or how many hours a day he devotes to the discussions, etc. etc. There are probably a good many such details which would be very helpful in preparing these weekly letters and which you could furnish without any great difficulty and without yourself listening to the proceedings of the interviews. I am accordingly to request you to be good enough to submit a brief report, which should reach Government by the Wednesday of each week, containing any information of the above descriptions which happens to have come to your knowledge and which you think may be of interest.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy to Inspector-General of Prisons.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 3rd January 1933

Dear Mr. Maxwell,

I herewith send the request as desired. I hope I have given all the required information. In case it is insufficient I would like to know what else is required, so that I may keep myself in closer touch if necessary. I am sending this request direct so that it may reach your office immediately. A copy of it has been sent to Inspector-General of Police. In future it will be sent through proper channel.

Yours faithfully.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 95 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 3rd January 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to Government.
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As desired in your DO. No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933 I have the honour to state as follows :—

1. Mrs. Naidu had two interviews so far with Mr. Gandhi, one on 14th December 1932 and second today.

During the 1st interview Mrs. Naidu was trying to persuade him not to start his fast on the 2nd of January 1933. From the conversation it appeared that there was very little chance of the fast being started again. In today's interview Mrs. Naidu asked Mr. Gandhi about the discussions he had with Shastri during the last fortnight or so. Mr. Gandhi said that there was overwhelming public opinion in favour of temples being thrown open to the Untouchables. He added he could not imagine how in face of public opinion His Excellency the Viceroy could withhold his sanction to the introduction of Mr. Subbaroyan's Bill in the Madras Council. Mrs. Naidu enquired that in case the sanction is withheld what would he do. He said that under those circumstances he had no other option but to start his fast. Mrs. Naidu said that what happens if His Excellency leaves it to the Provinces to do what they like. In that case, Mr. Gandhi added, he was sure that the Bill will be passed in the Madras Council. He added that he had seen certain reports in the Press to the effect that some Public Meetings have been held and

Resolutions passed requesting the Viceroy to withhold his sanction to the introduction of above mentioned Bill in Madras Council. But such meetings according to Mr. Gandhi have been very poorly attended. He mentioned one that is supposed to have been held at Rajkot. The total number of persons who attended this meeting was 31 out of whom 13 voted for the resolution and 18 against it and still the resolution was passed.

2. Mr. Gandhi appears to be very much satisfied with the results of his discussions with Shastri.

3. During the last 10 days or so of December 1932 Mr. Gandhi spent about seven or eight hours a day in discussions with interviewers. He worked for another six or seven hours to dispose of his correspondence and in issuing statement about untouchability. His health suffered slightly and he lost two lbs in weight. But he was and is always very cheerful.

4. Mrs. Naidu asked his opinion about the rumours regarding his release He said that was an impossibility unless the Government change their outlook.

5. Mr. Jamnadas Mehta had interview with Mr. Gandhi on 26th December 1932 as sanctioned by Government. He asked Mr. Gandhi that people were not certain about what they ought to do at the present juncture i.e., whether they should give up political activities and work solely for Untouchability. He said he could not enter into discussions on that point, but as far as he was concerned he could see his way clearly and people should have no difficulty in doing the same.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 96 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 3rd January 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona for information. Original sent direct to avoid delay. In future all such reports will be sent through your office.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 103 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th January 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department. Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special) No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

The number of visitors for Mr. Gandhi during the last week was smaller than the previous week.

A letter addressed by Mr. Gandhi to the Home Secretary was forwarded under this Office No. Confl. 99 dated 7th January 1933 which gives his views with regard to untouchability and C.D.O. Movement.

During the week he has had two interviews with prisoner Jamnalal Bajaj and discussed with him questions regarding untouchability. Jamnalal Bajaj was president of the Untouchability League before he was confined.

Mr. Gandhi has gained 1 lb. in weight and is cheerful as usual. His interviews and correspondence has been on the decrease lately.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S..
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 114 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th January 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent. Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay.
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special) No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

The number of interviewers has decreased still further since my last report.

Shastris (No changers) refused to have interview with Mr. Gandhi as they could not agree with the terms on which discussions as regards temple entry were to be carried on.

Mr. H. S. L. Polak had interview with Mr. Gandhi on 13th January 1933. He discussed Dr. Subbaroyan's Bill with Mr. Gandhi. He said that he could not see how His Excellency the Viceroy could refuse the permission asked for introduction of the Bill in Madras Council. The members of the Council represent people's view and naturally if the majority of the people are against it, the Bill will be thrown out by their representatives.

Mr. Polak enquired what Mr. Gandhi would do if the Viceroy did not give the sanction. Mr. Gandhi said that he had not thought over the matter and was not going to do so till orders were passed by the Viceroy. Mr. Gandhi is keeping quite fit.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No, Confl. 117 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 24th January 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi told me that he is very much disturbed by the decision of His Excellency the Viceroy in not allowing Dr. Subbaroyan's Bill in the Madras Council, He added that he has not 'Inner prompting' so far to start the fast at once. He is going to watch public opinion and decide his action on this and other circumstances, later on.

He is going to issue a statement in the Press today.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 124 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 31st January 1933

From
Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;
To
The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special) No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi has not kept very fit during the 1st week. He has off and on complained of headache and had lost 2 lbs. in weight during the week.

He had an interview with Mr. Birla on the 30th January. He is having an interview with Mr. Jaykar today. I enclose herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Birla for Mr. Gandhi received here about four days ago in which the writer has given his opinion about the chances of Ranga Iyer's Bill in the Assembly etc.

I also enclose another extract from a letter from Bishan Chandra Roy. Calcutta, in which it appears that dissatisfaction against ' Poona Pact' appears to be increasing.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl-141 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi's health has improved. He has not suffered from headache during the last week. He has gained 1½ lb. in weight. Mr. Ambedkar had an interview with him on 4th February 1933. He does not appear to be satisfied with ' Temple entry' for Harijans only. He thinks there should be inter-dining and inter-marriage with high castes Hindus and Untouchables.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 153 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi is keeping very fit.

He is still getting a large number of visitors in connection with the Removal of Untouchability. The English weekly *Harijan* has been started in Poona under his instructions. He has written to a large number of friends to subscribe to it and enlist subscribers. The editor of the paper comes to see him in jail very often.

As regards Ranga Iyer's Bill, Mr. Gandhi has had some correspondence with his friends on the subject. I herewith enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Birla to Mr. Gandhi on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI.

Major, T.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 173 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S..
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special) No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi is keeping very fit.

As usual he has had interviews with people about untouchability.

Mr. Gandhi has written to some lawyers asking their opinion on the following points :—

(i) Is there any element of compulsion in any of the two Bills ?

(ii) Is there any interference with any persons religious practice or conscience ?

(iii) In spite of the willingness of trustees, as well as the worshippers of a particular Hindu temple, is not one of the two Bills at least or a measure like them necessary before it is possible for a public Hindu temple to be opened in view of the English Law of Trusts and known decisions of the High Courts in India ?

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison, Poona

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 187 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 28th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special) No. S.D. 5, dated 2nd January 1933. I have the honour to report as follows :— Mr. Gandhi has kept quite fit, during the last week.

He asked certain lawyers their opinions about the Untouchability Bill in the Assembly. The reply was received during the week. A copy of the letter is enclosed herewith,

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

Through
 The Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 198 of 1933
 YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OHIO;
 Dated 7th March 1933

From
 Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent. Yeravda Central Prison ;
 To
 The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
 Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,
 As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi is keeping good health.

There is nothing to report except that a letter was received from Mr. Jaykar (Copy attached) in which he has expressed his opinion on Mr. Ranga Iyer's Bill.

I have the honour to be.
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant.
 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

Through
 The Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 212 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th March 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department, (Special) No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi is keeping very fit. His weight is 104 lbs.

There is nothing else to report.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 228 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st March 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special) No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi is keeping very good health. He has increased in weight by 1 lb.. his present weight being 105 lbs. Number of visitors has considerably decreased.

He appears to be getting number of protests against the Poona Pact from Bengal and other provinces. I herewith enclose an extract from a letter for him from Mr. Birla on the same subject.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent.
Yeravda Central Prison

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 253 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th March 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D.5, dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

There is nothing particular to report.

The number of visitors to Mr. Gandhi has decreased.

His health is good.

Mr. Polak saw him on 26th March 1933.

I have the honour to be.

Sir.

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I M.S.,
Superintendent.
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 275 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

There is nothing special to report.

Mr. Gandhi is keeping very good health.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 298 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

There is nothing special to report.
Mr. Gandhi is keeping very good health.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 316 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 18th April 1933

From
Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;
To
The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

There is nothing to report.
Mr. Gandhi is in very good health.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 327 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th April 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows : —

Mr. M. K. Gandhi is in good health. Weight 104 lbs. There is nothing particular to report.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar saw him on untouchability on 23rd April 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Conn. 351 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 2nd May 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

The number of visitors on Untouchability for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the last week was smaller than the previous week but since he has

declared his fast which is to commence from 8th May 1933, the number of visitors are increasing.
His health during the week was good. His weight is 103¹/₂ lbs.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt-Col. T.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

This reference was received back in your yesterday's bag but no orders appear to have been issued thereon. So it is resubmitted for orders.

In the attached letter in Gujrathi written by a ' C ' Class prisoner at A. C. P. addressed to M. K. Gandhi to be sent to Yeravda Central Prison for delivery.

For orders.

FIRGROVE,
Simla, 4th January 1933

From

Rai Bahadur Mohanlal, M.L.C.,
Advocate ;

To

The Home Secretary to Bombay Government,
Bombay.

Dear Sir,

I want to pay my respects to Mahatma Gandhiji and shall be obliged if I am given the necessary permission. I assure you that I will have no talk on politics, but my visit would be confined to my paying respects and seeking Mahatma Gandhiji's advice as how to remove untouchability in the Punjab. In Punjab the problem of untouchability is not very serious, but whatever there is it requires a serious consideration of those who are interested in it.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) MOHANLAL.

My address :—

P. O. Garli,
District Kangra.

No. S.D. 77
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Dated 7th January 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspeior-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to Government endorsement in the Political Department, No. 0/16608-B, dated the 19ih December 1932, I am directed to forward herewith a letter addressed to Mr. Gandhi by the Consul for Spain at Bombay, and to state that it should be passed for delivery.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 7 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Dated 9th January 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for delivery to Mr. Gandhi.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniment.

No. Confl. 101 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th January 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 99 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFTCIE
Dated 7th January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government of Bombay.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
7th January 1933

Dear Sir,

I feel the need of issuing the accompanying (copy not kept) statement to the press. In my opinion it is well within the limits of the Government of India's decision. But the Government may think otherwise. Before issuing the statement I would like to ascertain the view that they take of the matter. I shall be thankful for an early reply. As I know that there is considerable confusion in the public mind, I am anxious to let them know clearly that they must not look to me for guidance in the choice between Civil Disobedience and Untouchability work. I feel that I owe this much to them.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) M.K.GANDHI.

Secretary to Government.

Home Department, Bombay.

Below Confidential No. 93 dated 3rd January 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 5 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 9th January 1933

Passed on with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI.
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 10 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th January 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Pol.), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, for favour of disposal, a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 102 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from Nageshwarrao, Narsapur, and to enquire whether the same may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 140
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 10th January 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 10 dated the 9th January 1933, forwarding for disposal a letter dated the 7th instant from Mr. Gandhi in which he asks for permission to issue a statement to the press for the guidance of Congressmen in their choice between civil disobedience and untouchability work, I am directed to request that you will inform Mr. Gandhi that his letter only reached Government today and that a definite reply will be sent very shortly.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 22 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 11th January 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for further disposal with reference to his Confl. No. 99 dated 7th January 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. 19 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 10th January 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

2. The letter referred to in para. 3 of the Superintendent's letter, is forwarded to Government under this office No. 10, dated 9th January 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Confidential letter No. 114 dated 17th January 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay, through the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

As directed in Home Department (Special) No. S.D. 5, dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows : —

The No. of interviews has decreased still further since my last report.

Shastris (No changers) refused to have interview with Mr. Gandhi as they could not agree with the terms on which discussions as regards temple entry were to be carried on.

Mr. H. S. L. Polak had interview with Mr. Gandhi on 13th January 1933. He discussed Dr. Subbaroyan's Bill with Mr. Gandhi. He said that he could not see how H. E. the Viceroy could refuse the permission asked for introduction of the Bill in Madras Council. The members of the council represent people's view and naturally if the majority of the people are against it, the Bill will be thrown out by their representatives.

Mr. Polak enquired what Mr. Gandhi would do if the Viceroy did not give the sanction. Mr. Gandhi said that he had not thought over the matter and he was not going to do so till orders were passed by the Viceroy.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 38 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 17th January 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 20 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Dated 10th January 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, for favour of orders, a telegram received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from Nageshwarrao, Narsapur.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 175
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th January 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to return herewith the telegram dated the 9th instant from Nageshwararao, Narsapur, to Mr. Gandhi, which accompanied your letter No. 20, dated the 10th January 1933, and to state that it may be passed for delivery.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 23 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th January 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for information and necessary action with reference to his letter No. C. 102, dated the 10th January 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please retain the accompaniment.

(Sd.) E. E. Doyle.
13th January 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 106 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th January 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 156
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th January 1933

From

R. M. Maxweil, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

Rai Bahadur Mohanlal, M.L.C.,
P. O. Garii, District Kangra.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 4th instant requesting an interview with Mr. Gandhi, I am directed to inform you that you should write to the Superintendent of the Yeravda Central Prison in the matter direct.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 157
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th January 1933

Copy, with copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 590 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Dated 12th January 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and necessary action.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 173
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th January 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

H. S. L. Polak, Esquire,
C/o The Servants of India Society, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 16th December 1932 to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay and your subsequent letter without date to the Private Secretary to His Excellency, I am directed to inform you that Government have no objection to your having an interview with Mr. Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 174
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th January 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letters to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to:—

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency,
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 105 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 12th January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a list of visitors in duplicate who interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi on untouchability from 3rd January 1933 to 9th January 1933.

Date	Name of the visitor
3rd January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri.
	R. R. Bhole.
	B. L. Jadhav.
	D. G. Jadhav.
	T. R. Ghodke.
	T. B. Bhosale.
	R. L. Jadhav.
	A. V. Shastri.
	R. Shastri.
	K. S. Shivram.
	Urmila Devi.
	Jitendra Nath Sen.
	S. K. Patil.
	Shivaramaji Vaidya.
	Mrs. Shakuntala Walvekar.
	M. G. Panse.
4th January 1933	P. Tarkarathnam.
	N. K. A. Shastri.
	Mohanlal Odhyaji.
	P. S. Gopalan.
	Bankimchandra Sarma.
	Girdhari Prasad.
	A. V. Thakkar.
	P. L. Mujumdar.
	A. B. Rangswami.
	A. R. Lalitadevi.
	Laxman Shastri Joshi.
	K. S. Gokhale.
	H. G. Phatak.
5th January 1933	Y. K. Sovani.
	S. P. Mehendale.
	N. K. A. Shastri.
	Narahari D. Parikh.
	Vaikunth L. Mehta.
	K. J. Chitalia.

Date	Name of the visitor
5th January 1933— <i>contd.</i>	Laxmibai Jagmohandas. Damubhai Vaidya. H. G. Phatak. G. B. Nirantar. Laxman Shastri Joshi. N. H. Purandare. P. N. Rajbhoj. D. N. Shikhare. P. S. Gopalan.
6th January 1933	Kiki Lalwani. Chabaldas Lalwani. Aliben Pocha. Girdhari Kirpalani. Narahari Parikh. Kaka Kalelkar. N. T. Joshi. P. S. Gopalan. J. S. Haggi. Ganpat T. Joshi. Y. R. Shinde. Anasuya Pashankar. Sushilabai Batane. Gita Batane. Rele Bapu. K. G. Pashankar. S. G. Batane.
7th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. A. V. Thakkar. Ramanlal. R. Shastri. K. S. Shivaram. G. S. Phatak. S. K. Nalavde. D. S. Kamble. Kaka Kalelkar. Narahari Parikh. R. V. Patwani. Dalpatram Dave. Anasuya Dave. H. G. Phatak. D. W. Young. S. A. Wickemasingbe. G. L. Gokhale.

Date	Name of the visitor
7th January 1933— <i>contd.</i>	L. G. Young. P. S. Gokhale. D. R. Upasak. Bhogilal Jaini. P. C. Asar. Lilabai Lalwani. K. A. C. Narasaik.
8th January 1933	
9th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. S. M. Chavan. G. T. Vaznani. Kaka Kalelkar. Parbal. P. S. Gopalan. Subramhanya Shastri. Narasinham.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Below confidential No. 105, dated the 12th January 1933, from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 24 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th January 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 199
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 13th January 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. S.D. 140, dated the 10th January 1933, I am directed to request that you will inform Mr. Gandhi that Government have no objection to his releasing for publication the statement which formed an accompaniment to his letter of the 7th January 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 30 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th January 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for communication to Mr. Gandhi.* Please return.

*In continuation of this office confidential No. 22 dated 11th January 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 108 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th January 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 110 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 16th January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to ' Secretary to Government, Home Department, New Delhi and to enquire whether the same may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 31 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th January 1933

To

The Secretary to the Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for favour of orders, a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Secretary to Government, Home Department, New Delhi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 115 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 17th January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a list of visitors in duplicate who interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, regarding untouchability, from 10th January 1933 to 16th January 1933.

Date	Name of the visitor
10th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri.
	Mathuradas Trijumji.
	Kaka Kalelkar.
	Prabhudas Gandhi.
	Kashiben Gandhi.
	Bhogilal Jaini.
	D. R. Upasak.
	Mrs. Upasak.
	Shantilal Shah.
	H. G. Phatak.
	H. H. Purandare.
	W. N. Ghorpade.
	P. N. Rajbhoj.
	D. V. Nair.
	B. L. Jadhav.

Date	Name of the visitor
10th January 1933— <i>contd.</i>	L. M. Gohil. P. S. Gopalan. A. C. G. Bro Samuel.
11th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. Raojibhai N. Patel. G. T. Vaznani. P. S. Gopalan. Shamji Nanji Marvadi. Chitra Karshan Kothavla. Nanabhai Velji Gohel. Mrs. Indubai Shamji. Miss Umibai Karshan.
12th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. V. Agashe. R. G. Phatak. Laxman Shastri Joshi. N. H. Purandhare. Y. K. Sowani. Kokje Shastri. W. B. Lazarus. P. S. Gopalan.
13th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. H. S. L. Polak. Sadashivrao. Laxman Shastri Joshi. V. S. Deshpande. H. G. Phatak. P. S. Gopalan. K. G. Phatak. V. R. Shinde. Sister J. Shinde. Miss Gangibai Shinde. R. K. Patade. Prabhudas Gandhi.
14th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. W. B. Lazarus. K. Kellappan. S. Salivati. S. Narasinhham. T. C. Shrinivasan. S. G. Vaze.

Date	Name of the visitor
16th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. Lallubhai Samaldas. P. S. Gopalan. Laxman Shastri Joshi. G. K. Deodhar. H. G. Phatak.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 43 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 18th January 1933

To
The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 250
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 17th January 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 31, dated the 16th January 1933, I am directed to request you to inform Mr. Gandhi that his telegram of the 16th instant has been transmitted to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 48 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 18th January 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. Gandhi.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 116 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 19th January 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

*A note on the proposed introduction of Hand Spinning in
Yeravda Central Prison.*

18th January 1933

1 lb. of carded cotton yields 840 yards of yarn of 1 count,
i.e. 1 lb. of carded cotton yields 8,400 yards of yarn of 10 counts.

An average good spinner spins at least 150 yards per hour of 10 counts, in 6 working hours he will spin 900 yards = $4\frac{1}{4}$ tolas.

Therefore 9 such men will spin 1 lb. of yarn per day.

At the rate of 3 as. per lb. of 10 yarn as the ordinary wage of a spinner, 9 men will earn 3 as. a day that is $\frac{1}{3}$ of an anna each. At the present moment at least 1,000 C. D. prisoners in this jail are not producing even half of this small amount of wealth. In other words there is a dead waste of at least Rs. 10 per day in the Yeravda Central Prison.

The outlay required for producing the yarn is 120 lbs. of cotton per day. It is likely that it will not be necessary to supply spinning wheels to all these spinners. I am unable to say off-hand how many will have their own spinning wheels. But that will need to be ascertained.

Note.—I have given the lowest possible estimates so as to err on the safest side. It may also be stated that it is possible to do the spinning through the *takli* the easiest and the cheapest method but the output would be $\frac{1}{3}$ compared to the wheel. I suggest that the beginning should be made at once with those who volunteer to do the spinning and who can produce their own spinning wheels.

There remains now the question as to what to do with the yarn. Yarn of 10 counts can be utilised to weave coarse cloth or the yarn as it is produced can be sold without the slightest difficulty. I have made no reference in this note to carding ; the usual estimate is that one carding now can supply ten spinners with carded cotton. The processes to be gone through before spinning is begun are carding and sliver making of which last is the simplest. If further particulars are required I will shortly supply them. I have here confined myself only to the commercial aspect and made no reference to those with whom spinning is a part of daily sacrifice. I think that for such the permission should be granted at once, in view of the fact that it is being done in several prisons.

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

No. 709 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 23rd January 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Gandhi's request to you to introduce hand spinning in the Prison, I have the honour to state as follows.

Hand spun yarn will not be of higher counts and probably most of it will be unevenly spun.

The cloth manufactured from hand spun yarn will be coarse and could only be used for making lungotees and towels.

Daily task at present done by the prisoners in the processes of manufacture of cloth (i.e. sizing, weaving etc.,) will be much less when hand spun yarn is used.

Mr. Gandhi assures me that the yarn could always be sold and will never be left on our hands.

Hand spun yarn cannot replace our requirements of Mill spun yarn, firstly because hand spun yarn in large quantities will not be available and secondly even if it was available it would not serve our purpose as the cloth manufactured from this would not be up to the required standard.

Hand spinning can only be introduced as a supplementary industry with the idea of giving remunerative work for prisoners for whom no other remunerative work is available. At present when no remunerative work is available the prisoners are employed in digging fields and repairing roads etc., but it is not possible to employ all the available prisoners even on such work. On the whole therefore it seems advisable to introduce hand spinning as an additional remunerative industry that would keep employed all prisoners for whom it is not always possible to find remunerative or any employment at all. It will serve a double purpose, bring in some remuneration and keep all prisoners busy.

I herewith enclose a letter from State prisoner Gandhi on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Confidential letter No. Confl. 117 dated 24th January 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay.

As directed in Home Department (Special) No. S.D. 5 dated the 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi told me that he is very much disturbed by the decision of H. E. the Viceroy in not allowing Dr. Subbaroyan's Bill in the Madras Council. He added that he has no 'Inner prompting' so far, to start the fast at once. He is going to watch public opinion and decide his action on this and other circumstances, later on.

He is going to issue a statement in the Press today.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 49 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Poona, 24th January 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
25th January 1933.

Birla House, Gwalior
Dated 24th January 1933

My dear Bapu,

The Government's decision should have come to me as a great surprise. But after having read the various intelligent forecast by a number of news Agencies, I was fully prepared for it. I find neither logic nor fairness in the Government's decision. I am now waiting as to what view you are going to take of the whole situation.

The present Assembly, as it is composed, is capable of rejecting many good things and passing bad ones. In the first place, by the dilatory tactics of the Government, I am not sure when this legislation will at all come before the Assembly and if it comes at all I am also not sure whether it would be passed when it comes before the House. We should not therefore expect much from Mr. Ranga Iyer's Bill. It would be more appropriate to concentrate on private efforts. But in the case of Guruvayur Temple, private efforts will be of no great value. I therefore would like to know what you would want us to do.

In case you approve of Mr. Ranga Iyer's Bill I think it will require redrafting. As it is drafted it is not likely to meet the situation. The language is very vague and probably from legal points it is not a good draft. In case you approve of its introduction, it will require redrafting in consultation with you. I have therefore sent you a wire. I hope to hear from you tomorrow. In case you want me to come to Poona, I will leave this place immediately for Poona otherwise I will go to Delhi day after tomorrow.

Yours affectionately,
(Sd.) GHANASHYAM.

M. K. Gandhiji,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 119 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith the list of visitors in duplicate who interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi regarding untouchability, from 17th January 1933 to 23rd January 1933.

Date	Name of the visitor
17th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. P. V. Thakersey. Padmaja Naidu. Dharma Deva Vidya Vachaspati. Harishchandra Sarma.
18th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. G. K. Devdhar. S. G. Vaze. H. G. Phatak. Jayshankar Pitamber. Suvidyaben Mehta. P. S. Gopalan.

Date	Name of the visitor
19th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. Damodardas Laxminarayan. Motilal. Meera. C. P. Shukla. H. G. Phatak. S. V. Thakkar. L. Vaidya. Mrs. Parvati Thakar. R. B. Talegaonkar. K. M. Jedhe. V. V. Apte. Y. Dhokurkar. S. T. Awati. B. N. Agarwal.
20th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. Mathuradas. Mrs. Mathuradas and two children. C. P. Shukla. P. S. Gopalan. D. Kosambi. Dahyabhai M.
21st January 1933.	N. K. A. Shastri. D. V. Patel. P. S. Gopalan. Purshottam Trikumdas. S. G. Vaze. G. K. Devdhar. A. V. Patwardhan. W. Q. Lash. Brother Keshav.
22nd January 1933	Sunday
23rd January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. Laxman Shastri Joshi. R. K. Chikkermur. P. S. Gopalan. G. B. Nirantar. Kamala Joshi. Mrs. Sarala Devdhar. Vasantika Sathe.

Date	Name of the visitor
23rd January 1933— <i>contd.</i>	Rangu Kulkarni. Narmada Bobde. Vijaya Chitale. Chhabu Nagarkar. Narmada Sangamnerkar. Tara Purohit. Malati Kurlekar. Godubai Joshi. Shashikala Madhiman. Krishnakumari Dabir. Shanta Phatak. P. S. Gopalan. A. Macray.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 53 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 25th January 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 123 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 27th January 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;
and
Major S. R. Prall, M.D., I.M.S.,
Acting Civil Surgeon, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Surgeon General, Poona, in his Memo. No. 198-B/Confl., dated 19th January 1933, we have the honour to state that we conjointly examined State prisoner M. K. Gandhi on 27th January 1933, and found him in good health.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) S. R. PRALL,
M. D., Major, I.M.S.,
Acting Civil Surgeon, Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 61 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 27th January 1933

From

Lt-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Private Secretary to
His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

Sir,

In continuation of this office confidential letter No. 1177, dated the 30th December 1932, I have the honour to forward herewith, for information, the health report on State prisoner Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 62 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 27th January 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,

Home Department (Political), Bombay.

Copy together with a copy of health report forwarded with compliments for information in continuation of this office confidential No. 1178, dated the 30th December 1932.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

Confidential letter No. C. 122 dated the 27th January 1933, from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

In. No. 132

27th January 1933

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to me for favour of necessary orders. In this letter Mr. Gandhi requests for permission to interview some persons named therein.

Permission to interview late P. J. Mehta's family was granted by Government under No. S.D. 7287 dated the 29th November 1932 sent under your endorsement No. Confidential No. 1107, dated the 30th November 1932.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 58 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 27th January 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special), for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 27th January 1933

Dear Major Bhandari,

With reference to the late Dr. Mehta's estate I need to see the following parties in addition to the thirteen for whom permission has already been given :

- (1) Padmaben, Dr. Mehta's grand-daughter.
- (2) Sjt. Kantilal A. Doshi, the son of a well-known Morbi Shroff and engaged to be married to (1).
- (3) Shrimati Vrajkuwar Ratilal Seth wife of Sjt. Ratilal Seth for whom permission has already been granted.

I hope that an early permission will be received as I have to advise about the marriage of (1) with (2) and it is proposed to be celebrated in February.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 441
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 30th January 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 58, dated the 27th January 1933, I am directed to inform you that Mr. Gandhi's request to be permitted to see the three persons mentioned in his letter of the 27th instant to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, may be granted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 65 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 31st January 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. Gandhi, with reference to his No. Confl. 122 dated the 27th January 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

Confidential letter No. Confl. 124 dated 31st January 1933, from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay, through the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

As directed in Home Department (Special) No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :

Mr. Gandhi has not kept very fit during the last week. He has off and on complained of headache and had lost 2 lbs. in weight during the week.

He had an interview with Mr. Birla on the 30th January. He is having an interview with Mr. Jaykar today. I enclose herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Birla for Mr. Gandhi received here about four days ago in which the writer has given his opinion about the chances of Ranga Iyer's Bill in the Assembly etc.

I also enclose another extract from a letter from Bishan Chandra Roy, Calcutta, from which it appears that dissatisfaction against ' Poona Pact' is increasing.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 66 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 31st January 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
1st February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 125 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 31st January 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 24th January 1933 to 30th January 1933 :

Date	Name of the visitor
24th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri.
	Padmaja Naidu
	S. G. Vaze.

Date	Name of the visitor
24th January 1933— <i>contd.</i>	S. K. Shindkar. P. S. Gopalan. A. Macray. Purshottam Trikumdas. Sarjubala Munshi. Vrijkoomari Purshottam. Pramila Gadgil. S. P. Joshi and wife. N. B. Jasani, wife and sister. Mrs. Parvatibai Joshi. Miss Kanchan Balibhai. Anjanibai Manilal. Prema Nath Bhargava.
25th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. S. G. Vaze. N. M. Joshi. S. K. Shindkar. N. D. Gokhale. Duncan Greenless. P. S. Gopalan. M. V. S. N. Variyar.
26th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. L. B. Jadhav.
27th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. D. G. Velankar. V. D. Gadgil. C. D. Phadke. H. B. Shivdasani. M. Bhavnani. Mulji Ranchhoddas.
28th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. S. Salivati. Lalji Mulji Gohil. Liladhar Jivram Yadav. Pragji Kunvarji Chawan. Ardeshir Manekji Jilla. Kaka Kalelkar. Magan Desai. Paramanand Kumar.

Date	Name of the visitor
28th January 1933— <i>contd.</i>	Chandulal Mohanlal. Tarabai Chandulal. Madhuri P. Kapadia. Mrs. Vijaya Kapadia.
30th January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. G. D. Birla. J. R. Pilani. Kamalanayan Bajaj. Devdas Gandhi. C. Rajgopalachari. C. P. Shukla. P. S. Nair. Durga Desai.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 67 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 31st January 1933

To
The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.).....,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
1st February 1933.

Copy of letter No. C. 126 dated 1st February 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona,

In. No. 157

1st February 1933

I have the honour to send herewith a letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from ' A ' Class prisoner Miss Slade from Arthur Road Prison, and to enquire whether the same may be delivered to him.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 68 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 1st February 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary, Home Department (Special), for information and favour of orders in respect of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

Letter No. C. 127 dated 1st February 1933, from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

In. No. 158

1st February 1972

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Private Secretary to H. E. the Viceroy, New Delhi.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 72 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 1st February 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary, Home Department (Special), for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 130 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 2nd February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona. Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Mr. C. F. Andrews, Woodbrooke, Sellyoak, Birmingham, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sent to Secretary, Home Department (Special), for orders regarding disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
2nd February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 74 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 2nd February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government, Home
Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, for favour of orders, regarding disposal, a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Mr. C. F. Andrews.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 488
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 2nd February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 72, dated the 1st February 1933, I am directed to inform you that the letter of the same date from Mr. Gandhi has been forwarded to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C .F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 78 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

This has a reference to his letter No. C. 127, dated 1st February 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 129 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 2nd February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith two letters from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Messrs. M. R. Jaykar and C. F. Andrews, and to enquire whether they may be allowed to go on.

In these letters Mr. Gandhi sends copies of the letter sent to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, which was forwarded to you under this office No. Confl. 127 dated 1st February 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 505
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 3rd February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the telegram addressed by Mr. Gandhi to the Reverend C. F. Andrews which accompanied your letter No. 74, dated the 2nd February 1933, I am directed to inform you that it may be passed for transmission. Government, however, consider that it should issue as a *telegram*

on the distinct understanding that Mr. Gandhi's allowance is sufficient to pay the telegram charges.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 87 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 4th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal with reference to his letter No. C. 130, dated the 2nd February 1933.

The telegram is herewith enclosed.

(Sd.),

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

for Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

5th February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 501

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 3rd February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With' reference to your letter No. 75 dated the 2nd February 1933, forwarding for the orders of Government two letters addressed by Mr. Gandhi

to Mr. M. R. Jayakar and the Reverend C. F. Andrews, I am directed to inform you that as the enclosures to the letters are copies of the letter addressed by Mr. Gandhi to the Private Secretary to the Viceroy, to whom the original has been forwarded, the Government of Bombay do not think that they can deal with the matter, without consulting the Private Secretary to the Viceroy. Copies of the two letters have accordingly been sent to him and he has been asked to telegraph whether the letters, with the accompaniments, may be sent on to the addressees.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 86 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 4th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to M. K. Gandhi with reference to his letter No. C. 129, dated 2nd February 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 514
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 4th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter dated the 28th January 1933 from ' A ' Class prisoner Miss Slade to Mr. Gandhi, which accompanied your endorsement

No. 68, dated the 1st February 1933, I am directed to inform you that it may be allowed to be delivered.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 94 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 6th February 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniment.

(Sd.) E. E. Doyle.
1st February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 138 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th February 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 133 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to you regarding his account.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 5th February 1933

Dear Col. Doyle,

Major Bhandari has just shown me the Bombay Government's order in connection with my cable to Mr. Andrews. As it was rather important that it should go at once, I have asked Major Bhandari kindly to withdraw an amount from my private account which as a matter of fact is not my own property. I am hoping for a revision of the Governments' order and thus to reimburse my private account. My reasons for asking for a revision is this. But for the very heavy bill that was paid to the Dental Surgeon my account would show a good balance. You will recall that the Dental Surgeon was called in at your suggestion and not mine ; also that when you suggested that I should obtain a new plate I asked for Dr. Desai a Dentist friend to be called in ; and that I also told you in my letter of the 28th June 1932 that I had suggested his name as I had no desire to land the Government in the expense of a new set of teeth ', and I knew that ' Dr. Desai would not want to make any charge for the plates he might make for me.' You will thus see that I could have had the plate without any charges and at that time I had never suspected that the dental charges if they had to be paid would be paid out of my monthly allowance. As you are aware, from month to month, I was saving as much out of the hundred rupees as possible. But you chose to call

in a Dental Surgeon of your own selection I could have no objection and when the bill was shown to me by Major Bhandari and when he told me that the money had to be paid out of my allowance, though I demurred I did not wish to raise any objection because I did not think then that I would want to draw upon the balance that was then outstanding in my favour. But in the new circumstances that have arisen, I must ask for the dental charges being removed from my account and if that be done there would be at once a balance in my favour. I would further suggest that Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel's and my accounts be amalgamated. There is a balance in his favour still left. If therefore these two accounts are amalgamated there would be a surplus left. I have consulted the Sardar and he is quite willing that our accounts should be amalgamated. In fact both of us have often suggested the adoption of this course to Major Bhandari.

May I ask you please to secure an early decision on this point as telegrams have to be frequently sent by me, especially at this moment.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 102 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 6th February 1933

From

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. Confl. 133 dated the 5th instant, I have the honour to request you to kindly inform Mr. Gandhi that his letter in respect of his account has been forwarded to Government for orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 101 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 6th February 1933

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

In forwarding a copy of a letter from State prisoner Gandhi addressed to me I have the honour to state that what Mr. Gandhi writes in respect of his request to have Dr. Desai as his dentist is true.

It was however decided in consultation with the then Secretary, Home Department that it would be preferable to call in a Dentist who was not associated with the Congress Dr. Dalal therefore did what was necessary.

I would recommend that the bill for dental treatment be debited to ' Hospital Expenses' and paid for from Government funds, which are available. This is done in the case of all other prisoners requiring dental treatment.

I do not recommend that the accounts of both State prisoners be amalgamated. Separate accounts should continue to be maintained.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 532
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 6th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta,
'Homestead', Alexandra Road, 8
Gamdevi, Bombay-7.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 30th January 1933 requesting an interview with Mr. M. K. Gandhi, I am directed to inform you that Government regret that they are unable to accede to your request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 533

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 6th February 1933

Copy together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments for information to :—

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Confidential letter No. C. 141 dated 7th February 1933, from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay.

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5, dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :

Mr. Gandhiji's health has improved. He has not suffered from headache during the last week. He has gained 1½ lbs. in weight. Mr. Ambedkar had an interview with him on 4th February 1933. He does not appear to be satisfied with 'Temple Entry' only for Harijans. He thinks there should be inter-dinning and inter-marriages with high caste Hindus and Untouchables.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 107 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th February 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Confidential letter No. C. 139 dated 7th February 1933, from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to the Secretary, to the Government, Home Department, Bombay, for favour of disposal.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 103 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th February 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special), for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 540
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 7th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. S.D. 501, dated the 3rd February 1933, I am directed to return herewith the two letters, together with their enclosures,

addressed by Mr. Gandhi to Mr. M. R. Jayakar and the Reverend C. F. Andrews, and to say that they may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 109 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal in continuation of this office confidential No. 86 dated the 4th February 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 145 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 9th February 1933.

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 142 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 31st January 1933 to 6th February 1933 :

Date	Name of the visitor
31st January 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. C. Rajgopalachariar. Mathuradas Trikumji. Devdas Gandhi. P. Shankar Menon. S. G. Bankar. G. D. Birla, V. H. Barve. M. R. Jayakar. P. S. Gopalan.
1st February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. G. D. Birla. V. M. Barve. A. V. Patwardhan. R. Shastri. S. G. Banker. C. Rajgopalachariar. P. Shankar Menon. H. A. Shah. P. S. Gopalan. Lilavati Munshi. Sarayubala Munshi. Mathuradas Trikumji.
2nd February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. Bejoti Banerjee. P. S. Gopalan. D. G. Velankar. C. D. Phadke.

Date	Name of the visitor
2nd February 1933 : <i>contd.</i>	Lalji M. Gohil. Liladhar J. Yadav. Navaseth Walji T. Jivram Morarji.
3rd February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. Shastri. Bhogilal Chhotalal. P. S. Gopalan. Lilavati Munshi. V. K. Joshi. Mrs. Satyabhamabai Joshi. B. V. Inamdar. N. B. Khadke. Raste Vasant Dattatraya. Sarayubala Munshi.
4th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. B. R. Ambedkar. R. Shastri. G. N. Shintarkar. W. N. Ghorpade. G. T. M. Eshvani. K. M. Jedhe. S. A. Upasani. R. D. Kowli. R. D. Dolas. Stanley Jones. A. V. Patwardhan. V. H. Barve. G. R. Abhyankar. H. Patwardhan. P. N. Rajbhoj. Bhau P. Patil. P. R. Kanavde Patil. B. S. Patil. B. T. Dhas. P. S. Gopalan.
5th February 1933 Sunday.	
6th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. Shastri. A. Macray. V. H. Barve. F. W. Pudamjee.

Date
6th February 1933 :
contd.

Name of the visitor
P. S. Gopalan.

P. N. Rajbhoj.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 111 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

Letter No. Confl. 143 of 8th February 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

I have the honour to send herewith some papers received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, from the Secretary to an Untouchability League, for favour of orders.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 110 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th February 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, (Special), for information and orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

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SUBZI MANDI

Delhi, 9th February 1933

My dear Bapu,

We have taken stock of the situation and the net result of my reading of the situation is that the Bill could be introduced with a Select Committee appointed in this session and can be passed in the Simla Session only if the Government help. If the Government obstruct then of course, the Bill may not be introduced even in this session. But from what I see, I hope they will at least help the introduction of the Bill in this session, but would not be prepared to go beyond that. They will insist on the Bill being circulated and although even if it is circulated it could be passed in the Simla Session, but this could only happen if the Government give all the facilities. In the absence of their help the Bill has no chance of emerging out of the legislature.

Since I came here, we had several conferences and the most important of them was held last evening and it was decided at the conference that prominent M.L.As. should ask the Government to grant special facilities for the discussion of the Bill. A letter was drafted last evening and was signed by many prominent members. More signatures were to be appended today and I hope it is already in the hands of the leaders of the House. I am, however, not very hopeful about any special facilities being granted by the Government. The members themselves do not like that the Bill should be rushed through in the present session. Most of them agree that it is not necessary to circulate the Bill, but at the same time they do not desire that it should be rushed through. All they desire is that it should be introduced and put into the hands of the Select Committee during this session and get it passed at the Simla Session. I am not acquainting you with all the details of the procedure as I am sure you are already fairly well acquainted with the same. But I may just tell you that it is possible to do away with the formal introduction part of the Bill if the Government would simply publish it in the Gazette. One hurdle thus could be crossed if the Government would help. I am afraid, however, that they will not help to this extent.

We are meeting again tonight with important members and we are trying to persuade some of them who have got in their names Bills standing for discussion to withdraw the same and clear the field for Mr. Ranga Iyer's Bill. I trust that most of them would be helpful. One or two of them, I am afraid, would not take up a helpful attitude, but I do not think that will obstruct the formal introduction of the Bill which is likely to come on the

27th of February unless the Government grant special facilities and publish the Bill in the Gazette in lieu of its formal introduction.

Just one thing more. There is a convention in the Assembly that the Bill could not be taken into consideration on the very day of its introduction. This means that even if the Bill is introduced on the 27th of February it could not be taken into consideration on the same day. Of course the convention could be waived with the consent of the House, the President and the Government. But I do not think all the three parties would agree. In some respects even the House itself is very conservative about their conventions and I having been a member of the Assembly for four years fully sympathise with them.

I propose to go to Calcutta after I feel that there is nothing more to be done here and will get my nose attended to as I understand there is no specialist in Delhi who could perform the operation.

Yours affectionately,

(Sd.) GHANSHYAM.

Mahatma M. K. Gandhi,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 2399/3

HOME DEPARTMENT Bombay
Castle, 9th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Subject.—Prisoner Miss Slade (Miraben) transfer from Bombay Jail.

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum No. 103, dated the 7th February 1933, forwarding a letter from Mr. M. K. Gandhi, dated the 6th February 1933, about the transfer of Miss Slade from the Arthur Road Prison, Bombay, I am directed by the Governor in Council to request that you will be so good as to inform him in reply to his letter that on a report regarding her health from the Medical Officer of the Arthur Road Prison, Bombay, which reached Government on the 2nd instant, orders were issued for her transfer to the Sabarmati Central Prison, where there is an I. M. S.

Superintendent and all arrangements can be made which are necessary for her health and that she was transferred there on the 8th instant.

2. The enclosed letter from Miss Slade to Mr. Gandhi which accompanied his letter under reference should also be returned to him.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 120 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and necessary action with reference to his confidential letter No. Confl. 139, dated 7th February 1933.

The letter from Miss Slade to Mr. M. K. Gandhi is herewith enclosed which should be returned to him.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 594
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 10th February 1933

MEMORANDUM

With reference to his petition dated the 19th January 1933 to His Excellency the Viceroy requesting an interview with Mr. M. K. Gandhi, Dr. A. K. Bhagwat is informed that his request cannot be granted.

By order of the Governor in Council,
(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

To

Dr. A. K. Bhagwat,
Khadi Bhandar, Savantwadi.

No. S.D. 595

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 10th February 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the petition to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments for information to :

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

For information.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 600

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 10th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the communication addressed to Mr. Gandhi which accompanied your endorsement No. 110, dated the 8th February 1933, I am directed to state that it should be withheld.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 117 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 11th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal as directed by Government.

This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 143, dated 8th February 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 150 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th February 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.B. 252 of 1933
OFFICE OF THE D. I. G. P., C. I. D.,
Bombay Presidency, Post Box 46
Poona, 10th February 1933

Dear Col. Doyle,

We get fairly frequent references from other C. I. Ds. as to whether certain individuals have come to Poona and interviewed Mr. Gandhi at the Yeravda Central Prison.

2. To enable us to reply officially and correctly in such cases, I would be glad if you could kindly ask the Superintendent of the Yeravda Prison

to supply us in future with a copy of names of persons who interview Mr. Gandhi with dates, and if possible with anything of interest in this connection, e.g. the reasons for seeking interviews.

3. In order to maintain a complete record here it is also desired to have a list of those who have previously interviewed Mr. Gandhi, with dates of interviews, if this can also conveniently be supplied. If desired, a Police Sub-Inspector can be sent to the jail to copy the information recorded there with regard to past interviews.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.).....,

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 118 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 9th February 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for favour of direct compliance and disposal.

11th February 1933

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

No. Confl. 151 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 13th February 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 19 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 14th February 1933

From

Major R. T. Advani, I.M.S., Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ,

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith two letters* one written by 'A' Class prisoner No. 8296, Miraben (Miss Slade) and the other in Gujarati (translation in English attached) from 'A' Class prisoner No. 8313 Mrs. Gandhi for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

(a) Letter from 'A' Class prisoner No. 8296, Miraben (Miss Slade) pages 3 to 8 described her move from Arthur Road Prison to Ahmedabad Central Prison.

(b) There are references to other prisoners here, in different parts of the letter.

Letter from 'A' Class prisoner No. 8313 Mrs. Gandhi.

(a) Reference to other prisoners.

(b) Remarks on the fines imposed on other female prisoners, convicted along with her.

In my opinion I consider they are objectionable under the Prison Rules. Instructions may kindly be given whether the letters should be withheld. To delete the objectionable portion only, would in my opinion completely spoil these letters.

*To be returned please.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 155 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that State prisoner M. K. Gandhi's allowance of Rs. 100 for the month of February 1933 has already been spent. I had already informed him a few days ago that the balance to his credit was very little. He stated that if the Dentist's bill had not been paid from his account, there would have been ample funds at his disposal. In this connection, kindly see my office No. Confl. 133, dated 5th February 1933 forwarding a letter from Mr. Gandhi to the Inspector-General of Prisons.

For the time being I have transferred Rs. 30 from Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel's account to Mr. Gandhi's account to meet his current expenses. Orders may kindly be issued as to how his expenses during the rest of this month are to be met. Practically the whole of his allowance has been spent on telegrams, stationery and postage.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 128 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of early orders in continuation of this office confidential letter No. 101, dated the 6th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

BIRLA COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING MILLS LTD.

SUBZI MANDI

Delhi, 14th February 1933

My dear Bapu,

We have not been moving at all inspite of our best efforts. The Bill has been balloted for the 27th of February and if everything goes well, Mr. Gaya Prashad Sinha or Mr. S. C. Mitra will introduce it on the same day. Ranga Iyer is not on top in the ballot. But I doubt very much whether it will at all be introduced. First of all, there are Bills in advanced stage and even if all of them are withdrawn at least Mr. Haji Wajiuddin who has got in his name a Bill to repeal the Sarda Act will not withdraw and that alone will take the whole day. So after all, the Bill may not be introduced even on the 27th and as you know mere introduction will serve no good purpose. The bill could be introduced even on the 27th inspite of other Bills being in the field only if the Government would grant special facilities to allow its introduction.

As I had written to you in my last letter if the Bill is published in the Gazette, it could be taken as formally introduced. Mr. Ranga Iyer has already written to the Government but so far he has received no reply. All that I have heard is that we shall get no special facilities. The letter proposed to be sent by the M.L.As. to the Government asking for facilities has now been sent. Only 12 signatures have been appended to it so far.

There is a party trouble in the National Party itself and then there is a rivalry between the Nationalists and the Independent party. Efforts are being made to get a similar letter sent by the Independent Party.

Except the disappointment caused by the slow progress of the Bill, in other respects the situation is quite satisfactory and the country is moving with rapid progress. People are taking more and more interest in the problem of untouchability and I am quite satisfied with the result.

Panditji was going to issue a very bad statement strongly opposing the introduction of the Bill, but he has been persuaded to stop it for the time being.

The Hindi *Harijan* is still in the melting pot. C. I. D. people are making enquiries about Mr. Gupte whose name we have given as the Printer and Publisher. They have asked the Nagpur Police to send full reports about Mr. Gupte. Inspite of our best efforts we have not been able to get the matter expedited. Mr. Thakkar saw the Deputy Commissioner twice who was quite nice but could not do anything to expedite the matter.

I hope you are keeping quite fit.

(Sd.) GHANASHYAMDAS.

Mahatma M. K. Gandhiji,

Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

24th February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 153 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special) No. S.D. 5, dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :

Mr. Gandhi is keeping very fit.

He is still getting a large number of visitors in connection with the Removal of Untouchability. The English weekly *Harijan* has been started in Poona under his instructions. He has written to a large number of friends to subscribe to it and enlist subscribers. The editor of the paper comes to see him in jail very often.

As regards Ranga Iyer's Bill, Mr. Gandhi has had some correspondence with his friends on the subject. I herewith enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Birla to Mr. Gandhi on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona ;

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 126 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 14th February 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,

Personal Assistant,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

for Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

21st February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 643

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 14th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. S.D. 488, dated the 2nd February 1933, I am directed to request that you will communicate to Mr. Gandhi the following reply of the Government of India to his letter of the 1st February 1933 to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy :—

' The Governor General in Council has carefully considered the points urged by Mr. Gandhi in his letter of the 1st of February 1933, addressed to the Private Secretary to the Viceroy, in which he requests that, for the reasons stated therein, the Government of India should facilitate the progress and passage of the Bill regarding temple entry, which will be introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Ranga Iyer and others. He is unable to accept the arguments developed by Mr. Gandhi relating to the Poona Pact, and notes that the resolution he has quoted did not form part of the Pact as communicated to the Government of India. In the matter of the Pact, Government were concerned merely to accept a modification of the representation in the Legislatures which had been provided in the Communal Award of His Majesty's Government. But quite apart from the

Pact, the Government have for many years taken an active interest in the improvement of the conditions under which the depressed classes live. That interest has been directed to the matters referred to in the resolution which he quotes, such as education and the provision of the normal facilities of life, which were placed in the forefront of the resolution, but appear not to be regarded by him as the vital part of it. The Government have naturally taken no initiative in matters which specifically affect religious practice. In regard to that, they have nothing to add to the statement issued to the press on 23rd January. They must reiterate that in their opinion it is essential that the consideration of a measure, which so closely affects the religious customs and usages of the Hindu Community, should not proceed unless the proposals are subjected to the fullest examination in all their aspects, not merely in the Legislature, but also outside it, by all who will be affected by them. This purpose can only be satisfied if the Bill is circulated in the widest manner for the purpose of eliciting public opinion, and if adequate time is given to enable all classes of Hindus to form and express their considered views'.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 129 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 15th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information in continuation of this office confidential No. 78, dated 3rd February 1933.

The contents of the letter may kindly be communicated to Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

(Sd.).....,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 156 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 15th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith the names of the persons who interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 7th February 1933 to 13th February 1933.

Date	Name of the visitor
7th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. Shastri. P. V. Thakersey. M. B. Dehadrai. P. S. Gopalan. G. K. Deodhar. R. B. Talegaonkar. K. M. Jedhe. S. K. Shindkar. M. P. Khaladkar. S. B. Deshpande. Yamutai Kaduskar.
8th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. Mrs. V. L. Pandit. Miss K. Nehru. Miss I. Nehru. Sjt. Kamalanayan. R. Shastri. Kanhaiyalal. D. Annapurna. A. Macray. Damoder Sunderdas. P. S. Gopalan. Gordhandas Gui.
9th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. Narayan Nathu Sorte.

Date	Name of the visitor
10th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. Lallubhai Samaldas. R. S. Ghatge Subr. S. M. Sonone. Tatyaba Narayan Shinde. S. J. Sonone. R. Shastri. V. H. Barve. A. V. Patwardhan. R. V. Oturkar. P. S. Gopalan. G. K. Deodhar. H. G. Phatak. S. K. Shindkar.
11th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. Shastri. P. Kodandrao. Diwakar Singh. Laxman Shastri Joshi. H. G. Phatak. J. Milton Vance. Mrs. J. Milton Vance. P. K. Shivadas. P. S. Gopalan.
12th February 1933	Gomatibai Mashruwala. Shantadevi. Jankidevi Bajaj.
13th February 1933	R. Shastri. N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. T. P. Ramachandran. G. K. Deodhar. Laxman Shastri Joshi. H. G. Phatak. P. Kodandrao. S. K. Shindkar.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 131 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 15th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 15th February 1933

Dear Major Bhandari,

There are two matters that I have discussed with you, with which you have told me you have no authority to deal.

2. The first matter relates to the supply of newspapers to me in terms of the orders of the Government of India, giving me special facilities about Untouchability propaganda. Somehow or other hitherto I have managed to cope with my work in spite of restrictions that you have been exercising about newspapers addressed to me. I have already drawn your attention to very important matters escaping my notice owing to the non-delivery of these papers. However careful your staff may be, they cannot always be sure of having all the cuttings relating to Untouchability in the papers received. Some papers such as Dr. Ambedkar's I have to look through fully and carefully. So far as I read the Government of India orders they contemplate no restrictions on the prompt receipt by me of correspondence and newspapers. It is obvious that I cannot carry on propaganda if I do not get such things in proper time. I therefore ask that all the newspapers received for me and which do not come under the heading of ' Prohibited literature' should be delivered to me as they arrive. Of course they may be taken away from me as soon as I have used them. I need hardly repeat the assurance that I have no use for them say for the one purpose to which all my energy and attention are being exclusively directed. I shall therefore thank you to obtain necessary and early instructions in the matter.

3. The second matter is about the new weekly *Harijan* which is being published in Poona in the interest of the Servants of Untouchables' Society. Its policy is naturally being controlled by me as it has been published at my instance. It has therefore to deal exclusively with questions relating to

Untouchability only and therefore it is a purely socio-religious weekly. I asked you whether copies could be sent to my associates and fellow prisoners whether belonging to ' B ' Class or ' C' Class. I would thank you if you will kindly ask for Government's instructions on my request. I may draw the attention of the Government to the fact that in 1922 when I was admitted into this prison as a convicted prisoner and when in all other matters except food and sanitary conveniences I had no facilities given to me except what were permitted to other prisoners, there never was any difficulty about my getting newspapers of a purely Socio-religious character. I hope therefore there will be none this time about giving of *Harijan* to my friends the fellow prisoners.

4. Lastly will you please convey my thanks to the Government for their very prompt attention to my letters about Shrimati Miraben (Slade) and Appasaheb Patwardhan.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Bombay Presidency

Poona, 15th February 1933

Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith a letter addressed to Mr. M. K. Gandhi by Miss Slade and Mrs. Gandhi from Sabarmati jail for favour of your opinion and return.

Yours obediently,

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 674

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 16th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Superintendent of the Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Sir,

Government understand that Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas has recently written a letter to Mr. Gandhi urging that the civil disobedience movement should be called off. I am to enquire whether this letter has been received by you

and to request that, if it has not been passed for delivery, it should be referred to Government for orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 675
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 16th February 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 134 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Yeravda.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

No. Confl. 163 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th February 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 16th February 1933

Dear Rao Bahadur,

I herewith return two letters. I personally see nothing objectionable in them at all.

I suggest that they may be forwarded to me to be disposed off if considered unobjectionable by me. I do not think it is worthwhile sending these letters to Government. They have permitted similar letters before.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 133 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th February 1933

MEMORANDUM

Reference your No. 19 dated 14th February 1933.

The letters referred to in the above quoted letter have been forwarded to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for disposal.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

Inward No. 243
6th February 1933

No. Confl. 159 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 16th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith copy of a letter addressed to me by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

As regards para. 2 of the letter Mr. Gandhi is allowed certain newspapers as sanctioned in Home Department (Political) letter No. S. D. 310, dated 16th January 1932. Since he started this Untouchability work he wants to see practically all the Newspapers that may be received for him in this office. As according to Government orders sent under No. 1033 dated 13th November 1932 from the Inspector-General of Prisons, I am expected to maintain a general watch over the newspapers that he gets. I started giving him cuttings relating to Untouchability from all the papers. He does not appear to be satisfied with it, as certain article published in *Free Press Journal* was overlooked and not given to him.

With reference to para. 3 of his letter no newspapers are allowed to ' C ' Class prisoners. ' B ' Class prisoners are allowed *Times of India* and a vernacular weekly papers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 137 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 157 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 16th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a summons received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from the First Class Sub-Judge, Poona, and to enquire whether it should be served on him. If it is served it is possible that Mr. Gandhi would like to appear personally in the court.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 136 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
21st February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 164 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter and some papers received from Mr. W. Tudor Owen, Shydown Place, Little Common, Bexhill, addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi and to enquire whether the same may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 139 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 17th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 167 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 18th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In continuation of this office confidential No. 157, dated 16th February 1933, I have the honour to send herewith another summons received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from the First Class Sub-Judge, Poona, and to enquire whether it may be served on Mr. Gandhi. The date on which Mr. Gandhi is asked to appear in the Court is 27th instant.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 143 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 20th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of early orders in continuation of this office confidential No. 136 dated 16th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. Doyle.
24th February 1933.

SHYDOWN PLACE, LITTLE COMMON,
BEXHILL.

Dear Mr. Gandhi,

You promised to bear in mind a talk we had in London and so I am sending you a copy of the paper which I read to you then. Oriental Autocracy tempered by Satyagraha is, I believe, the next step forwards, and this in rural India, in the few big cities, self-governing City States might be tried. But generally speaking, the next lesson in acquiring political responsibility will be in a struggle between Crown (meaning autocracy in the shape of Chiefs) and the people. The two theories—the divine right of Kings and ' *vox populi vox dei*' will again fight for supremacy ; the landed classes against the masses ; the age long struggle will go on and the issue will be, as the genius of the people and fate (in the shape of external influences) decide. Anyhow nothing but civil war and daily revolutions can result from establishing little republics all over India, a country peculiarly susceptible to the wiles of the party intriguer and the claptrap of the demagogue ; you may say that no country has won political sanity and peace except through civil war, when counting of heads is found by party leaders to be less hazardous than breaking heads. The British Government is trying to get the same result without civil war. I suppose you will quote Kashmir and Alwar to prove that Indian Chiefs are no longer fitted to rule over civilized communities ; the obvious reply is that the disturbances are due to Mr. Gandhi and his teaching ; British rule in India has seen far worse disorders in the

last few years but, as you perhaps remember, my argument is that the Chiefs and people, if left to themselves, will evolve a working system, which will be satisfactory to both, in the long run ; nor do I see on what other terms you will ever get the Chiefs to join a Federation. What inducement is being offered to these autocratic descendants of the Sun to associate in the Council House with Socialist tubthumpers and masters of Tammany Hall methods ; for you do not imagine that Indian politics are going to be any cleaner than politics ever have been or can be. The majority of men are fools and we believe in the rule of majorities and like everything else of human device the votes of majorities can be bought by the highest bidder. In England luckily we have not Undiluted Democracy, as the constitution consists of King, Lords and Commons.

I hope you will again spare time and patience to read through this paper at one sitting and see whether it contains any useful ideas ; we do not stand still in this life and this is the next step.

I hope you are keeping fit and will be able to arrange for thirsty women and children to get water from wells paid for with L. B. money to which their husbands have probably paid L. F. on their holdings, while nonland holding Brahmans and Baniyas pay nothing ; ditto schools.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) W. TUDOR OWEN.

A small typed pamphlet containing pages from 1 to 18

' On India at the Cross Roads' 1931-32

All interested in the problem of India must welcome the recent lull in constitution' building. This breather gives us time to look round and take stock of the situation as a whole, free from the fog of details. Where do we stand ? Are we any nearer the goal ? The goal being the evolution or a construction of a constitution which will enable the people of India to shape their own destinies with some reasonable expectation of stability and ordered progress in the future.

Any honest person bearing in mind —

- (1) The Hindoo-Mahomedan impasse.
- (2) The necessity of safeguarding minorities and special classes.
- (3) The problem of security from internal disorder and external attack.
- (4) The difficulty of federating British India and Native State India, is forced to confess that a solution is no nearer in sight than before the Round Table Conference took place. All that the Conference has done is to clarify the issues and make the difficulties stand out with appalling baldness before the eyes of the civilised world.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1975/3
HOME DEPARTMENT Bombay
Castle, 17th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Subject.—*State prisoner*

Mr. M. K. Gandhi. Charges for dental treatment.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 101, dated the 6th February 1933 and endorsement No. 128, dated 14th February 1933, I am directed to state that, in the circumstances reported, the charge for the dental treatment of Mr. M. K. Gandhi should be met from the head ' Hospital Charges' as proposed by you.

2. Government agree with you that the accounts of Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel and Mr. Gandhi should not be amalgamated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) D. O'FLYNN,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 141 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 20th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and guidance with reference to the correspondence ending with his confidential letter No. Confl. 155, dated 14th February 1933.

(Sd.).....,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. Confl. 161 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from Mr. Ghanashyamdas Birla, addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 138 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 17th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 159 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Reference.—Your letter No. S.D. 674, dated 16th February 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that a letter written in Gujrathi was received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi on 14th February 1933 written by Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas.

As my senior jailor could not understand certain passages, it was not delivered to Mr. Gandhi but was sent to the Oriental Translator for translation and return. No reply has been received yet.

The Oriental Translator is being requested to send it direct to you as early as possible.

As far as I remember, there was some mention in the letter about stopping of Civil Disobedience Movement and also about untouchability.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. Confl. 159/Copy.

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

No. Confl. 161 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 17th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from Mr. Ghanashyamdas Birla, addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 138 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 17th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information,

Copy sent to you for your information.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
18th February 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 709

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 18th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter from Mr. G. D. Birla to Mr. Gandhi which accompanied your endorsement No. 138, dated the 17th February 1933, I am directed to inform you that it may be delivered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 142 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 20th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. Confl. 161, dated the 17th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,

Personal Assistant,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

No. Confl. 117 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 22nd February 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

From

Dr. A. K. Bhagwat,
Khadi Bhandar, Sawantwadi ;

To

His Excellency,
The Viceroy and Governor-General of India, Simla.

May it please Your Excellency,

I shall be highly obliged if Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to allow me to see Mahatma Gandhi and have an interview at Yeravda as he knows me well and if I impress upon his mind the importance of bringing about an honourable peace on either side between the Congress and the Government, on the following points I am confident that he will agree with me.

1. On some fixed date, simultaneously, the Government should release all the non-violent political prisoners and the Congress should withdraw the Civil Disobedience Movement.

2. Without interfering with the present Government administration, the Congress should immediately take to the village constructive programme (The triple constructive scheme) viz.

(1) To bring about unity among the different sections of the community by mutual co-operation and moral education of the masses.

(2) To adopt measures to improve the hygienic condition as well as the general health of the public by the easiest and most practicable and scientific means.

(3) To organise village industries on practicable basis, the easiest way to solve the world-wide problem of unemployment, ever increasing individual as well as national indebtedness, the real way of removing the international, commercial hostility, and reducing the unbearable Military expenditure of modern nations.

The local Government authorities should give moral support to the Congress workers wherever possible.

3. I assure Your Excellency that I shall try my best to help the Government as well as the masses and ultimately the human race by mutual co-operation.

Hoping to get an early favourable reply.

I beg to remain,
Your Excellency's most obedient servant.
(Sd.) A. K. BHAGWAT.

Sawantwadi, 19th January 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 717
HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)
Bombay, 20th February 1933

It has been noticed from your letter No. 156, dated the 15th February 1933, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, that among the visitors who interviewed Mr. Gandhi on the 11th in connection with untouchability work are the names of Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Vance. Could you let me have particulars as to who they are ?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

Demi-official
No. S.D. 718
HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)
Bombay, 20th February 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

For information,
Await reply from Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
21st February 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

Letter No. Confl. 169 dated 20th February 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona.

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to Mr. M. R. Jayakar, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on

In this letter Mr. Gandhi sends copies of two letters :

(1) a letter from the Government of India as a reply to Mr. Gandhi's letter to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, New Delhi, dated 1st February 1933.

(2) a letter from Mr. Gandhi to the Secretary, Home Department, Government of India, New Delhi, dated 19th February 1933.

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No. 145 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 20th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

Letter No. Confl. 168 dated the 20th February 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

In this letter Mr. Gandhi encloses :—

- (1) Copy of Mr. Gandhi's letter to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, New Delhi, dated 1st February 1933.
- (2) Copy of the Government of India's reply to the above letter.
- (3) Copy of the letter from Mr. Gandhi, to the Secretary, Home Department, Government of India, New Delhi, dated 19th February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 146 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 20th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Letter No. Confl. 170 dated 20th February 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to the Secretary to the Home Department, Government of India, New Delhi, for favour of disposal.

No. 144 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 20th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,

Personal Assistant,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information,

Very interesting indeed and also very informative.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 736

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 21st February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency

Sir,

With reference to your endorsements Nos. 136 and 143, dated respectively the 16th and 20th February 1933, I am directed to return herewith the two summonses received for Mr. Gandhi and to state that they should be returned to the Court of the First Class Sub-Judge at Poona with an intimation that the Governor in Council is unable to permit their being served on Mr. Gandhi as he is a State prisoner under Regulation XXV of 1827.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

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No. 148 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy together with two summonses in original forwarded for favour of disposal with reference to his letters Nos. Confl. 157 and 167, dated 16th and 18th February 1933 respectively.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
22nd February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 730
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 21st February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 139, dated the 17th February 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter and its accompaniment received for Mr. Gandhi from Mr. W. Tudor Owen and to state that they may be delivered.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 152 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 23rd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy together with the letter and its accompaniment forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal with reference to his letter No. Confl. 164, dated the 17th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. IMS.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons.
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 734
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 21st February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, CLE., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. Confl. 159, dated the 17th February 1933, I am directed to inform you that the letter in Gujarati dated the 12th idem from Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas to Mr. Gandhi, which was received from the Oriental Translator to Government with a translation, has been withheld under the rules and Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas has been so informed. The letter has been retained on the records of this department.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 735

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 21st February 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.**CONFIDENTIAL**

No. Confl. 173 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 21st February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5, dated 2nd January 1933. I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi is keeping very fit.

As usual he has had interviews with people about untouchability.

Mr. Gandhi has written to some lawyers asking their opinion on the following points :—

- (1) Is there any element of compulsion in any of the two Bills ?
- (2) Is there any interference with any person's religious practice or conscience ?
- (3) In spite of the willingness of trustees, as well as the worshippers of a particular Hindu temple, is not one of the two Bills at least or a measure like them necessary before it is possible for a public Hindu

temple to be opened in view of the English Law of Trusts and known decisions of the High Courts in India ?

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 147 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 21st February 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
25th February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 730
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 21st February 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 139, dated the 17th February 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter and its accompaniment

received for Mr. Gandhi from Mr. W. Tudor Owen and to state that they may be delivered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 152 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 23rd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy together with the letter and its accompaniment forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal with reference to his letter No. Confl. 164, dated the 17th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,

Personal Assistant,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

for Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

For information.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 739

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 21st February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 144, dated the 20th February 1933, I am directed to inform you that the letter of the 19th idem from Mr. Gandhi

has been forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 150 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 22nd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for necessary action with reference to his letter No. Confl. 170, dated the 20th February 1933.

(Sd.).....,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 175 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 21st February 1933

Ref.—Your D. O. No. S.D. 717 dated the 20th February 1933.

Dear Mr. Maxwell,

Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Vance were connected with some Missionary Teaching Institution (Ewing College), Allahabad. They are Americans by birth.

I am afraid no particulars are kept in this Office, about persons who see Mr. Gandhi on Untouchability. They are required to sign their names in a book. Beyond that no enquiries are made. Most of them come by previous appointment with him.

In this particular case I happen to remember this much, as I read the letter addressed by Mr. Vance to Mr. Gandhi. From the instructions received

by me, the selection of visitors with reference to Untouchability is left to Mr. Gandhi.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI.

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., M.A., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Home Department.

Copy with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 737.

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 21st February 1932

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to return herewith the two letters from Mr. Gandhi addressed to Mr. M. R. Jayakar and Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, which accompanied your endorsements Nos. 145 and 146, dated the 20th February 1933, and to state that they may be passed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 149 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy together with the letters in question forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal with reference to his letters Nos. Confl. 168 and 169, dated the 20th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Don't send things like this to me on tour as they convey absolutely nothing.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
24th February 1933

Copy for your information only.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
22nd February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 75 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, for favour of orders regarding disposal, two letters from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Messrs. M. R. Jaykar and C. F. Andrews.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 176 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 22nd February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, during the week from 14th February 1933 to 20th February 1933.

Date	Name of the visitor
14th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. S. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. M. K. Jagtap. N. C. Kelkar. R. V. Oturkar. N. B. Parulekar. A. V. Phadnis. K. N. Kelkar.
15th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. S. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan.
16th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. S. Shastri. N. N. Sorte. P. S. Gopalan.
17th February 1933	Narasinhachar. N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. R. S. Shastri. Mrs. Shastri.
18th February 1933	N. K. A. Shastri. R. S. Shastri. Purshottam N. Gandhi. Kamalanayan Bajaj. Indira Nehru. Chand Nehru. Tara Pandit.

Date	Name of the visitor
18th February 1933— <i>contd.</i>	Ramakrishna Bajaj. P. S. Gopalan. Mathuradas Trikumji. Duncan Greenless. Ala Pocha. S. K. Shindkar. H. G. Phatak. S. M. S. Ukla M. R. Jankiba. N. B. Parulekar.
19th February 1933	
20th February 1933	R. S. Shastri. N. K. A. Shastri. P. S. Gopalan. Kali Mrs. J. Jhaveri. G. B. Nirantar. V. K. Chitale. M. S. Beke. D. J. Saraf. M. Bhawe. N. Panse. M. Divekar. M. Salunke. G. Sahasrabudhye. M. Abhyankar. S. Nagpurkar. K. Rajguru. S. Udpikar. S. Joshi. S. Dhamdhere. D. Sathe. Y. Shahane. P. Parulkar. S. Bendre. S. Ranade.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 151 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.),
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Below confidential letter No. 26, dated February 1933, from the Superintendent, Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 153 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 23rd February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal under the existing rules.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 186 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISONS' OFFICE
Dated 27th February 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 154 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 23rd February 1933

MEMORANDUM

Reference your No. 26, dated February 1933.

The letter referred to in the above quoted letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for disposal.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 180 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 24th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Hon. Raghavendrarao, Home Member, Nagpur, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 156 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 24th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

ORDINARY

TELEGRAM

To

Hon. Raghavendrarao,
Home Member, Nagpur.

Just heard Seth Poonamchand Ranka Seoni Jail fasting. Do not know reasons. Will you please inquire and let me know whether report true and if so cause of fasting.

Gandhi.

Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 24th February 1933

My dear Charlie,

I have your letters. You know what is happening to the Bills. It is unfortunate and it is bad. The Government have taken up, in my opinion, not an attitude of neutrality but one of partiality. I do not know if you have caught the central point of my argument. It would be partiality to the Reformers and would also be interference with religion if the Government gave facilities for the consideration of a measure compelling temple entry. It is partiality to orthodoxy in that the Government will not remove the legal bar to temple entry created by decisions of courts of law, decisions not based on statutory law but on religious usage, thus making untouchability a crime as if it was part of the Penal Code. The Government to be neutral should lift this bar and say to either party : ' We cannot take sides in religious matters. Untouchability may be for some of you a breach of your religion, but there is

no breach in it of common law and therefore there can be no punishment under the common law'. There are innumerable religious practices in Hinduism, not even offensive to the moral sense of the word, as untouchability undoubtedly is, and yet their breach is not penal under the common law. All that the reformers want is opportunity for progress, opportunity for converting public opinion, and when and where it is converted, opportunity for giving effect to that conversion. Today even if cent per cent of Hindus entitled to worship in a particular temple desired the admission of Harijans to that temple, they could not carry out their wish because of the decisions I have referred to. The two Bills are designed to remove this anomaly. I watch, wait and pray.

Love,
MOHAN.

SERVANTS OF UNTOUCHABLES SOCIETY
BOMBAY PROVINCIAL BOARD

Ref. No. 568
The Recluse
31, Marzban Road, Fort
Bombay, 25th February 1933

Subject.—Your letter of 20th instant regarding Bills.

Dear Mahatmaji,

Jaysukhlalbai is lying ill and I am writing for him. We are arranging to have the opinions of three advocates, Mr. Bahadurji, Mr. Taraporewala and Mr. M. C. Setalvad. Mr. Tricumdas, Solicitor, will write to you this evening if he can get the opinions by 6 p.m. If it takes longer to get them, I shall write to you on Monday.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga begs to be excused and Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, with characteristic candour, refused point blank to give his opinion.

Yours in service,
(Sd.) P. R. LELE.

Mahatma Gandhi,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Kanga & Co.
Yusuf Building
Church Gate Street, Bombay
Dated 25th February 1933

My dear Mahatmaji,

As desired in your letter of the 20th instant to Jaysukhlal, I consulted Messrs. D. N. Bahadurji, V. F. Taraporewala and M. C. Setalvad on the

questions put by you, and I have obtained their joint opinion which I send in the original herewith. With my pranams.

I remain,
Yours obediently,
(Sd.) TRICUMDAS DWARKADAS.

OPINION

Q. 1. Is there any element of compulsion in any of the two Bills ?

A. Every piece of legislation involves compulsion. So far as the first bill is concerned, it may tend to compulsion if a Court refuses injunction to a party restraining an ' excluded class' from worshipping at a temple inasmuch as the party claiming injunction would have to make his choice between continuing to worship at the temple with the excluded class or seek for himself a temple where he would not have to worship with the excluded class.

Similarly in the case of wells and Dharmashalas.

As regards the second Bill, there is an element of compulsion in it as it empowers the majority to throw open a temple to an ' Excluded class ' with the result that if it is thrown open, a member of the minority will have to choose between worshipping at the temple with the ' excluded class ' or seek for himself a temple where he would not have to worship with the excluded class.

Q. 2. Is there any interference with any person's religious practice or conscience ?

A. Even in a big town where there are many temples it may be impossible for a person with a particular religious belief to worship at any temple at all if all the public temples in the town are thrown open to the excluded class by majority of the votes of the worshippers. In a small town where there is one temple or very few temples, the difficulty would be even greater. To that extent there will be interference with the religious practice or conscience of reasons.

Q. 3. In spite of the willingness of trustees as well as the worshippers of a particular public Hindu temple, is not one of the two Bills at least or a measure like them necessary before it is possible for a public Hindu temple to be opened in view of the English law of Trusts and known decisions of the High Courts in India ?

A. Yes. Legislation is absolutely necessary to achieve the proposed objects.

Q. 4. And generally.

A. The above views are expressed purely from a legal point of view. The question of throwing open a temple to 'excluded classes' is one of great public and practical importance. If a substantial majority of the Hindus are in favour of admitting the excluded classes to the public temples, the element of compulsion mentioned above need not stand in the way of the proposed legislation as such element of compulsion would be found in the conduct of all human affairs.

Bombay, 25th February 1933.

(Sd.) D. N. BAHADURJI.

(Sd.) V. F. TARAPOREWALA.

(Sd.) M. C. SETALVAD.

No. Confld. 183 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON'S OFFICE

Dated 25th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to Mr. C. F. Andrews and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 162 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 27th February 1933

To

The Seeretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons.
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 26 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, February 1933

From

Major R. T. Advani, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A ' Class female prisoner No. 8296 for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of perusal and further disposal.

In my opinion the under mentioned portions are objectionable according to Prison Rules.

(a) Page 1 reference to Detenue Mrudulaben.

(b) There are references to other prisoners in different parts of the letter. I understand from this prisoner that no restriction has been placed before on her writing about other prisoners to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi as she has done in this letter and in her first letter from here. I do not know if any special concession is granted to her, when she writes to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi. Such references in the letters of other prisoners are generally deleted out.

(c) On page 16.

There are a few lines describing her accommodation in Arthur Road Prison.

(d) Page 18 again.

Reference to Detenue Mrudulaben.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Ahmedabad Central Prison.

NEW ERA SCHOOL

Gowalia Tank, Bombay-7

Dated 26th February 1933

To

The Home Member,

The Government of Bombay, Bombay.

Sir,

I wrote a letter to Mahatma Gandhiji on the 19th instant concerning my views on the civil disobedience movement and expressing the desirability of calling off the same. I am anxiously awaiting his reply as my future conduct very much depends on it. As the letter is of a political nature, it is likely that it may not have reached Gandhiji. My friend Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas informed me that his letter of a similar nature has not been delivered at all. Hence, I am afraid my letter must also have met the same fate. Can you kindly inform me as to whether the said letter has been delivered to Gandhiji or not ? If not, do Government intend delivering it at all ? I shall feel highly obliged if you will kindly give me the information at an early date so as to facilitate me in taking whatever action I choose regarding my relation with the Civil Disobedience movement.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) ROHIT MEHTA.

HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)

Rohit Mehta's letter to Mr. Gandhi of 19th February 1933 was not referred to Government for orders. As directed by Secretary, the Inspector-General of Prisons may be requested to state if the letter was received and, if so, how it was dealt with and to let us have a copy.

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES.

U. O. R. to I. G. Prisons.

No. S.D. 849, dated 28th February 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 184 of 1932

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 27th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;
and

Major S. R. Prall, M.D., I.M.S.,
Acting Civil Surgeon, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Surgeon General, Poona, in his Memo No. S. 198-B/Confl. dated 19th January 1932, we have the honour to state that we conjointly examined State prisoner Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi on 27th February 1933, and found him in good health.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) S. R. PRALL,
Major, M.D., I.M.S.,
Acting Civil Surgeon, Poona

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 160 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 27th February 1933

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Private Secretary to
His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Bombay.

Sir,

In continuation of this office confidential letter No. 61, dated the 27th January 1933, I have the honour to forward herewith, for information, the health report on State prisoner Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAI,

Personal Assistant,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

for Inspector General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 161 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 27th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Bombay.

Copy together, with the copy of health report forwarded with compliments for information in continuation of this office confidential No. 62, dated the 27th January 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAI,

Personal Assistant,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

for Inspector General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

3rd March 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 839
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle ,27th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the telegram from Mr. M. K. Gandhi addressed to Honourable Raghavendrarao, Home Member, Nagpur, which was forwarded with your endorsement No. 156, dated the 24th February 1933, I am directed to state that it should be withheld.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 165 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 28th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for information with reference to his Confidential letter No. 180, dated 24th instant.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Colonel I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the telegram which is withheld.

No. Confl. 189 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 1st March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments. The telegram is withheld.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 187 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 28th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5, dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi has kept quite fit during the last week.

He asked certain lawyers their opinions about the Untouchability Bill in the Assembly. The reply was received during the week. A copy of the letter is enclosed herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 166 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 28th February 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
3rd March 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 857
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 28th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter from Mr. M. K. Gandhi to Mr. C. F. Andrews forwarded with your endorsement No. 162, dated the 27th February 1933, I am directed to state that it should be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 167 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 1st March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 183 dated 25th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Colonel, I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the letter.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 193 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON'S OFFICE
Dated 2nd/3rd March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI.
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 862.
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 28th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your endorsement No. 137, dated the 16th February 1933. with which was forwarded for the orders of Government a copy of a letter dated the 15th idem from Mr. M. K. Gandhi to the Superintendent of the Yeravda Central Prison requesting (1) that all the newspapers received for him which do not come under the heading of 'prohibited literature ' may be delivered to him as they arrive, and (2) that permission may be granted to send copies of the *Harijan* weekly to his associates and fellow prisoners whether belonging to ' B ' or ' C ' Class.

2. Mr. Gandhi's first request should be allowed on the condition which he offers, viz., that he should return the papers to the Superintendent of the prison as soon as he has extracted the untouchability material from them.

3. As regards Mr. Gandhi's second request, I am to say that the subject of the removal of untouchability is not an uncontroversial one and if Mr. Gandhi and his reformist followers are permitted to supply prisoners with free literature on the untouchability question, a similar privilege cannot be refused to the Sanatanists who hold different views with equal strength of feeling. Government cannot allow their prisons to be used as arenas for propaganda and in the circumstances they are unable to accede to his request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Below unofficial reference No. 849 dated 28th February 1933 from Government in the Home Department (Special), Bombay.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 168 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 1st March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of report.

The copy of the letter may also be furnished as required by Government.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
for Inspector-General of Prisons.

ASHRAMA
Winter Road, Malbar Hill, Bombay-6
Dated 1st March 1933

Dear Mahatmaji,

I am enclosing a copy of my opinion, which you desired to have, as to how far Mr. Ranga Iyer's Bills constitute 'compulsion' or whether their effect is to remove the 'obstacle' caused by the present rules of law.

I fear my opinion has become lengthier than I should have liked, but it was difficult to compress within a few lines the full reasons for my view. I do hope that you will find the opinion useful.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. R. JAYKAR.

To

Mahatma Gandhi,
C/o The Superintendent of Prison,
Yeravda, Poona.

*Mr. Jaykar's opinion on Mr. Ranga Iyer's Bills in
the Legislative Assembly about Temple Entry.*

From a careful perusal of Mr. Ranga Iyer's Bills in the Legislative Assembly, it is clear that the first of them is primarily intended to remove the obstacles created by British Indian Courts giving legal recognition to customs and usages, regarded as unjust, anti-social and irreligious by a section of the Hindu Community. The idea is that it is only when this obstacle is removed and British Indian Courts refuse to lend support to such customs that Hindu Society will be left free to adjust its own differences by an appeal to the conscience and good sense of the community.

2. It is further clear that this obstacle can only be removed by legislation, because it arises by reason of a rule of law now recognised by the highest tribunal, viz. the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. I know from personal knowledge that this decision of the Privy Council has prevented, in the past, many trustees and managers of Hindu temples from taking actions which they and the bulk of their congregation were prepared.

3. The decision I have in view is reported in Law Reports, 35, Indian Appeals, page 176. It arose out of a suit which was instituted by the hereditary trustee of a Hindu temple in Southern India, asking for a declaration that, according to the custom observed in the temple, the defendants, who were the members of an inferior community, were not entitled to enter or worship at the temple and for an injunction restraining them from doing so. The defendants on the other hand asserted their right to use and worship at the temple and denied the legality of the alleged custom. They lost in the trial court, which held *inter alia* that the custom excluding the members of the community from entering the temple was proved. The matter was taken in appeal to the Madras High Court, and that Court, in the course of its judgment, stated the rules of law affecting such questions in terms which at present constitute the greatest obstacle to any reforms taking place by voluntary action in the community.

The court held as follows :

(a) Where an institution exists for the purpose of religious worship and the class for whose benefit it was established cannot be discovered from the instrument creating the Trust, or where there is no such instrument, the Court can proceed only upon what has been the usage in respect thereto, and it is the duty of the Court to support that usage at the instance of any person interested therein.

(b) It is not in the power of individuals having the management of the institution to alter the usage of the institution. On the contrary, it is their duty to maintain the customary usage. If they fail to do so, they are guilty of a breach of trust and still more so if they deliberately attempt to effect a vital change of usage and to make it binding on the worshippers by obtaining a decree of the Court to establish it.

(c) Even a compromise between the trustees and the excluded community, provided for a limited enjoyment of the right of access and worship by that community, would be invalid, because it would be contrary to the custom of the institution.

4. These principles, enunciated by the High Court, received the approval of the Privy Council, who gave no countenance to the argument advanced on behalf of the excluded community that the custom of exclusion even if proved was invalid in law as unreasonable.

5. It is clear from this decision, that so far as the British Indian Courts are concerned, the position is as follows :—

- (1) Custom of the institution will be the sole test.
- (2) It is not in the power of the trustees to alter such custom, however unreasonable or antiquated it may be.
- (3) That even a single worshipper can force the trustees to abide by such customs, however reasonable the intended alteration may be.

(4) For the trustee to depart from such custom is tantamount to a breach of trust, rendering the trustee liable to removal from his office.

(5) That any compromise made in this connection, modifying or altering the prevailing customs will not be recognised at law.

(6) So long, therefore, as this decision stands, it is clear that Hindu society will be powerless, by any internal action of its own, to effect any changes in the observance of such customs and usages however unreasonable or antiquated such customs and usages may appear to be to the progressive sentiments of the Hindu community. It is therefore felt that this decision however, sound it may technically be acts as an obstacle to freedom and progress. Being the decision of the highest tribunal its effects can only be nullified by legislation. Another noteworthy feature of this decision is that it takes no note of public sentiment. It is obvious that a rule of law is binding irrespective of public sentiment.

(7) These are in brief the reasons why the present rules of law are regarded as an obstacle. Once it is removed and British courts refuse to interfere by lending support to customs irrespective of public sentiment, then will commence the curative processes in Hindu society for the formation of sound public opinion. Each side will then strive to create public opinion in its favour, and reason and argument will then have scope.

(8) As for the second of Mr. Ranga Iyer's Bills, it provides for what technically called ' local option'. It gives the right to the residents or the worshippers in a locality to decide how the affairs of a public temple shall be conducted with reference to the rights of the depressed classes. Certain methods are provided by which the voice of the majority will be ascertained and enforced. So long as equal opportunities are provided for both sides to educate and canvass public opinion there is hardly any room for a grievance on the score of ' compulsion' any more than in any other public concern regulated by the principle of voting and majority. A contrary rule would lead to stagnation.

(Sd.) M. R. JAYKAR.

High Court, Bombay.

Dated 1st March 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 188 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 1st March 1933

From

The Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, during the week from 21st February 1933 to 27th February 1933 :

Name	Address
Tuesday, 21st February	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
R. B. Shastri	Poona.
Laxmidas Purshottam	Bardoli.
Anandibai	Bardoli.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
Gangabai Kapadia	Poona.
Manibai Kapadia	Poona.
Mainabai Kapadia	Poona.
R. V. Oturkar	Poona.
N. B. Parulekar	Poona.
H. G. Phatak	Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Keshavrao Maruti Jedhe	Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Dattatraya T. Kulkarni	Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Sadashiv K. Shindkar	Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Raghunath B. Talegaonkar	Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Anant V. Patwardhan	Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Wednesday, 22nd February	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
R. B. Shastri	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
Thursday, 23rd February	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
R. B. Shastri	Poona.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
P. Kodandao	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Dahyabhai V. Patel	Ram Niwas, Bombay.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
Friday, 24th February	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Anant V. Patwardhan	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.

Name	Address
Friday, 24th February— <i>contd.</i>	
Keshav Anant Patwardan	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
Kshama Rao	27, Marine Lines, Bombay.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Lodge, Poona.
G. M. S. Captain	Andheri.
Kamla Sonawala	Lewis Villa, Kirkee.
P. D. S. Captain	Orient Club Building, Chowpaty, Bombay.
Mathuradas Trikumji	Padmin Road, Bombay.
R. B. Talegaonkar	1034, Rawiwar Peth, Poona.
Keshavrao Jedhe	Jedhe Mansion, Poona.
Baburao Walvekar	398, Vetel, Poona.
Shankarrao Walvekar	398, Vetel, Poona.
Shankarrao Mohite	107, Kasba, Poona.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Saturday, 25th February	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Padmaja Naidu	Poona Hotel, Poona.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
Datta R. Upasak	Sevasadan, Poona-2.
Sunday 26th February	
Monday, 27th February	
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
K. Chattopadhyaya	Poona.
P. Kodandrao	Poona.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 169 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 1st March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 1st March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Ref .—No. Confl. 168 dated 1st March 1933.

Sir,

A letter from Rohit Mehta addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi was received in this office on 21st February 1933. As it could not be understood by anybody on the staff, it was sent to the Oriental Translator for translation.

The letter and its translation have been received today from the Oriental Translator. They are enclosed herewith for orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 381 of 1933
POONA FIRST CLASS COURT
Dated 2nd March 1933

From

B. V. Potdar, Esq., LL.B.,
First Class Sub-Judge, Poona ;

To

The Superintendent,
Central Jail, Yeravda.

Subject.—Service of summons in suit No. 88 of 1933 on the deft.
Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

Sir,

With reference to your confl. letter No. 178, dated 22nd February 1933, returning the summonses in this court suit No. 88 of 1933 against Mr. M. K. Gandhi, stating that the Governor in Council is unable to permit their being served on Mr. Gandhi as he is a State prisoner under Regulation XXV of 1827, I have the honour to state that I am not aware of any law preventing the service of summonses in such a case, and request you kindly to refer me to it, if any exists. In case I find that the summonses cannot be served on the defendant in the ordinary way, I shall have probably to direct that they be served by substituted service under Order V, r. 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure ; hence the request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) B. V. POTDAR,
First Class Sub-Judge, Poona.

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6th March 1933.

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No. Confl. 195 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 6th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona, for favour of orders.

In this connection kindly see Head Office, Confl. No. 148, dated 22nd 1 February 1933, forwarding a copy of the Government Home Department 3 (Political), No. S.D. 736, dated 21st February 1933.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.;

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 180 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 6th March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

Copy to Yeravda Central Prison, for favour of communications to Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
3rd March 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 173 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

This has a reference to his Confl. letter No. 159, dated 16th February 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons
Bombay Presidency.

Below unofficial reference No. S.D. 849 dated 28th February 1933 from Government in the Home Department (Special), Bombay.

The letter together with the translation into English received from the Oriental Translator to Government, Bombay, by the Superintendent, Yeravda

Central Prison, only on 1st March 1933 is herewith forwarded for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE

CONFIDENTIAL

U.O.R. No. 171 dated 3rd March 1933.

C/o Sir Joseph Bhole,
New Delhi.

Dated 3rd March 1933

The Secretary,
Bombay Government, Bombay.

Sir,

I shall be leaving for England on the 27th instant, and shall be paying a final visit to friends at Poona on the 25th instant.

I should very much like to see Mr. Gandhi again, to say goodbye to him and take his message to my wife and family. My conversation with him will be confined within the same limitations as when the Government of Bombay were kind enough to accord me the privilege of an interview on the 13th January last.

May I therefore ask you to be so good as to place my request for a further interview before the Government and let me know their views by the time I reach Bombay on the 22nd instant. My address will again be care of Mr. M. R. Jayakar, Winter Road, Malabar Hill.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) H. S. L. POLAK

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 30 of 1933

AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Sabarmati, 3rd March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith two letters, one written by prisoner No. 8296 Miss Slade (Miraben) and prisoner No. 8313 Mrs. Gandhi (Gujarati) letter translation in English accompanies) to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

Both the letters contain references in some paragraphs to other prisoners here.

Mrs. Gandhi's letter paragraphs 2 and 3 are objectionable as per Prison Rules, para. 3 one sentence in her letter to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi was scored out at Yeravda Central Prison while censoring it.

The letters may kindly be disposed off, after perusal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 177 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 6th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments.

The objectionable passages referred to should be expunged in the Gujarati letter referred to and the letters then passed for delivery to State prisoner Gandhi.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 192 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, from Mr. Hanamant S. Kaujalgi, Nasik, together with some information about conservancy work in Nasik Jail, and to enquire whether the same may be handed over to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison

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No. 176 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 4th March 1933

Returned with compliments.

The letter is obviously objectionable and should be withheld.

(Sd.) E.E.DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 196 of 1933

Returned with compliments—retaining the accompaniments. The letter is withheld.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Woodbrooke, Selly Oak,
Birmingham, March 4

My dearest Mohan,

Here is an article which I got copied for you from the British Museum illustrating the main point that Untouchability in India and Colour Bar Segregation in Sand, East Africa are the same things. With love.

(Sd.) CHARLIE

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl 194 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to me.

Personally I am strongly against allowing anybody, inside the jail after locking-up hour, and in my opinion this request of Mr. Gandhi is most unreasonable.

Mr. Gandhi is carrying on his propaganda about removal of untouchability from inside the jail. There is a constant stream of interviewers daily for him, besides his extensive correspondence has to be censored. All this means heavy additional work for the staff.

If permission is granted to allow visitors at night, it will mean extra work and trouble for the jail staff.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 4th March 1933

Dear Major Bhandari,

As you know I have been endeavouring during my present incarceration to study the heavens. You have kindly allowed astronomical literature to come in to me. I need a fair sized astronomical telescope. Lady Vithaldas has one and has kindly consented to give me a loan of it. Drs. Ramnathan and Desai of the Government Observatory (Poona) who put the telescope right say that I should not be able to use it unless they gave personal directions. They need to be with me for that purpose for about half an hour after the stars are observable. If there is any objection to this lesson being given to me in the yard in which I, am kept during the night, it may be given in the yard reserved for untouchability interviews.

I shall thank you if you will please ascertain the wishes of the Government in the matter.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 178 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Dated 6th March 1933

From

Lt-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for orders of Government letter No. 194, dated 4th March 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison and a letter addressed by Mr. Gandhi to Major Bhandari.

I agree with the opinion expressed by the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison and consider that the time has arrived for a halt to be called to the innumerable concessions granted to Mr. Gandhi.

The position is becoming impossible from the point of view of jail administration.

If this or similar concessions are to be granted I shall be forced to ask for extra staff for Yeravda Central Prison.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
 Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 179 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 6th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.)
 Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 33 of 1933
 AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
 Sabarmati, 6th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
 Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency, Poona.

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A ' Class prisoner No. 8296, Miss Slade (Miraben) to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of disposal after perusal.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Ahmedabad Central Prison.

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No. 182 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS
Poona, 7th March 1933

Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for delivery.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 200 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major; I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
8th March 1933

Below Confidential No. 177, dated 6th March 1933 from the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, Poona.

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No. Confl. 197 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

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No. Confl. 198 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th March 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5, dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi is keeping good health.

There is nothing to report except that a letter was received from Mr. Jaykar (copy attached) in which he has expressed his opinion on Mr. Ranga Iyer's Bills.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

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No. 181 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Letter No. Confl. 199, dated 7th March 1933, from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

'With reference to H. D. Confl. No. S.D. 862, dated 28th February 1933, addressed to you and a copy of which was received in this office under

your endorsement No. Confl. 173, dated 3rd March 1933, I have the honour to state that I acquainted Mr. Gandhi with the decision of Government. I told him that all the Newspapers will be delivered to him in the yard where he comes every morning, to have his letters typed and to interview visitors and that in the evening before going to the ' B ' yard, where he is housed at night, he should return these papers. Mr. Gandhi says that he and his Secretary Mahadev Desai will not be able to look through all the newspapers there and that he would like to take them to his yard where he would be assisted in this work by Vallabhbhai Patel and Chhaganlal Joshi.

I told him that I do not want the newspapers to go in the ' B ' yard because from there, inspite of all his care and precautions some are likely to find their way to other parts of the jail, which is inadvisable.

He suggested that if that is not possible, Chhaganlal Joshi may be allowed to come to the Special Yard with him to help him to read the newspapers.

In my opinion, the second proposal is the lesser evil. As soon as it is known that all Newspapers are allowed to reach Mr. Gandhi, there will be no end to the number that will be received. This was my experience at the time when all restrictions regarding interviews etc., were removed. I would not like to send all kinds of Newspapers inside a yard where there are other prisoners besides Mr. Gandhi.'

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 184 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary H. D. (Special) for favour of orders—I suggest that Chhaganlal Joshi be allowed to assist Mr. Gandhi as requested by him.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 201 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th March 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, during the week from 28th February to 6th March 1933.

Name	Address
Tuesday, 28th February :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
Laxmidas Purshottam	Satyagrahaashrama, Sabarmati.
Anandi Asar	Satyagrahaashrama, Sabarmati.
Rama Dhiru @ Joshi	Satyagrahaashrama, Sabarmati.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Servants of Untouchability Society, Bombay.
Lilavati Munshi	Bombay.
Dattatraya Waman Joshi	Lady Jamsetji Road, Dadar, Bombay-7.
Shankar Trimbak Awate	270, Sadashiv, Poona-2.
Narayan Krishna Zanzle	5, Budhwar, Poona-2.
Ramchandra Purshottam Joglekar	917-B, Sadashiv, Poona-2.
G. A. Deshpande	535, Shanwar, Poona-2.
V. R. Phansalkar	Chinchvad, Poona.
Hari Ganesh Phatak	283, Sadashiv, Poona-2.
Balkrishna Vishnu Tambe	Girgaum, Bombay-4.
Shridhar Anant Ghare	Chinchvad, Poona.
Narayan Dinkar Wani	Chinchvad, Poona.
Wednesday, 1st March :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	31, Marzban Road, Bombay.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Lodge, Poona.
Thursday, 2nd March :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.

Name	Address
Thursday, 2nd March— <i>contd.</i>	
R. Shastri	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Lodge, Poona.
A. Macray	Poona.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
Friday, 3rd March :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
K. S. Sundaram	Benares Hindu University.
A. B. Dhruva	Benares.
P. V. Thakersey	Yeravda.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Sadashivrao Karnad	Mangalore.
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
R. B. Talegaonkar	Poona.
K. M. Jedhe	Poona.
Haribhau S. Jedhe	Poona.
Yeshwantrao Jedhe	Poona.
Vithalrao Gund	Poona.
V. D. Hulyalkar	Poona.
K. Shastri	Poona.
Saturday, 4th March :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona
Nila Nagini	Bangalore.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Akshaya Chandra Padam Sinh	Navalihar.
C. Rajgopalachariar	Tiruchengodu, Gandhi Ashram.
Devdas Gandhi	Satyagraha Ashram, Sabarmati.
S. G. Banker	Ahmedabad.
P. Sankar Menon	Tiruchengodu.
Sunday, 5th March :	
Monday, 6th March :	
C. Rajgopalachariar	Tiruchengodu.
S. G. Banker	Ahmedabad.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.

Name	Address
Monday, 6th March— <i>contd.</i>	
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Lilavati Asar	Bombay.
P. S. Gopalan	Poona.
Dharma Dev Vidya Vachaspati	Delhi.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

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No. 185 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th March 1933

To
The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. 3279 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th March 1933

MEMORANDUM

Under instructions from Government, the Superintendent is informed that the weekly newspaper *Harijan* should not be allowed to 'B' or 'C' Class prisoners.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To
The Superintendents of Prisons and Gangs.

TELEGRAM

Dated 8th March 1933

Reply paid Re. 1

To

Mahatma Gandhi.

Yeravda Prison, Poona.

Opportunity arisen in assembly show practical sympathy for depressed classes stop Chetty succeeding Rahimatulla president creates vacancy in deputy presidentship strong desire in certain section of assembly to support M. C. Raja's candidature for deputy presidentship. Solicit your support.

— Sarma Assembly Member.

OPEN LETTER TO MAHATMA GANDHIJI

Dear Mahatmaji,

Though of course you may be called to be a prisoner in jail, you must be following events of the outside world.

So far as Civil Disobedience Movement is concerned may I not be permitted to ask whether this is not high time, to call off the same ? Dear Mahatmaji the Government is unique in itself and you will admit that it must be guided by unique brains and in an unique way. You will frankly admit that at present it is not so. You and your followers are liable to the same charges of false notions of prestige of which we are accusing the executive. If the movement has been started with noble motives the sacrifice has been equally noble. But when it turns into a farce, the withdrawal must be equally candid and noble. Candid admission of defeat is not unwarlike and under the present circumstances it is only prudent and wise to call off the movement. I as one humble member of the Congress appeal to you with the humility that using discretion as best part of valour you will approach Government with a proposal to consult your other colleagues with a view to call off the present Civil disobedience movement.

Yours respectfully,

VASANJI MULJI.

Simla House,

Mathew Road.

Bombay-4, 4th March 1933.

No. S.D. 993
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 8th March 1933

To

Mr. Rohit Mehta,
New Era School, Gowalia Tank, Bombay.

MEMORANDUM

With reference to his letter dated the 26th February 1933 addressed to the Honourable the Home Member, Mr. Rohit Mehta is informed that Government are unable to allow his letter to Mr. Gandhi dated the 19th idem to be delivered to him.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 994
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 8th March 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, for information. The original letter which was received with his No. 171. dated the 3rd March 1933, has been retained in this office.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

For information.

Sir,

Should we send copy to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
9th March 1933

No. 3405 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information, with reference to his confidential letter dated 1st March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 8th March 1933

Dear friend,

This is my message for the Gaekwar Birthday Commemorations Volume :—

' There can be no doubt that His Highness the Maharajah Saheb Gaekwar of Baroda deserves the warmest congratulations of us all for his treatment of Harijans and his withdrawing all State recognition of untouchability.'

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Sjt. Y. R. Date,
C/o Sjt. Haribhau Phatak.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1027
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 9th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 178, dated the 6th March 1933, asking for the orders of Government on the request made by Mr. M. K. Gandhi

that Doctors Ramnathan and Desai attached to the Government Observatory at Poona may be permitted to give him a lesson in the use of the astronomical telescope for about half an hour after the stars are observable, I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed that Government regret that they are unable to relax the rule by which no visitors are allowed inside the jail after lock-up, as this would disturb the jail routine and prevent the staff from going off duty.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Sent copy to Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison for communication to Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE

11th March 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 193 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 11th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. M. K. Gandhi

This has a reference to this office Confidential No. 179 dated 6th March 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 1014
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 9th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E, I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

H. S. L. Polak, Esquire,
C/o. M. R. Jayakar, Esquire,
Winter Road, Malabar Hill.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 3rd instant, I am directed to inform you that Government have no objection to your having a further interview with Mr. Gandhi on the same conditions as before.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 1015
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 9th March 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to :—

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency,
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Confidential letter No. 202 dated the 9th March 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

Inward No. 363
9th March 1933

‘ I have the honour to send herewith a telegram addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from Mr. Sarma, Member of the Assembly, New Delhi, and

a letter from Mr. Vasanji Mulji, Simla House, Bombay, and to enquire whether these may be handed over to the addressee.'

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 187 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary, Home Department (Special), for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Confidential letter No. C. 204 dated the 10th March 1933, from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Inward No. 367
10th March 1933

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to Mr. Y. R. Date, Poona, containing a message for the Gaekwar Birth-day Commemorations, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 192 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 10th March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 206 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to " Bachhraj, Wardha," and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on. ' Punamchand' referred in the wire is a prisoner in a C. P. Jail.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 204 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 13th March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col..M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 207 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith two letters received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of orders.

One from Mrs. Poonamchand informing Mr. Gandhi regarding the fast observed by Poonamchand, a prisoner in C. P. Jail together with the English Translation.

Second from Mr. A. R. Tijaray regarding the above (fast).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent.
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 203 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 13th March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 1078
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter dated the 8th instant from Mr. M. K. Gandhi to Mr. Y. R. Date, Poona, which was received with your endorsement No. 192, dated the 10th idem, I am directed to inform you that it should be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 201 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal with reference to his confidential letter No. C. 204, dated 10th March 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 209 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent.
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1064
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the telegram from Mr. Sarma, Assembly Member, New Delhi, and the letter from Mr. Vasanji Mulji, Simla House, Bombay, addressed to Mr. Gandhi, which were received with your endorsement No. 187, dated the 9th March 1933, I am directed to inform you that both the telegram and the letter should be withheld.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 200 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for information and necessary action.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 202, dated 9th March 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 208 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

C/o. ARYA NIVAS
KALBADEVI ROAD, BOMBAY
13th March 1933

H. H. the Governor of Bombay.

Sir,

We the undersigned, have arrived from Natal, on a tour round India, and, are now leaving, on the 22nd March 1933, for South Africa.

We, with great humble respect, kindly make an application, to your Highness, to allow us to interview, Mahatmaji, on the question of untouchability.

Prior to this, we have made an application to the Jailor, Yeravda Jail, at Poona, but he has referred us to your Highness.

Your kind permission will greatly oblige.

We remain,
Yours obedient,

(Sd.) S. R. MAHARAJ,
(Sd.) S. ROOPSINGH.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 212 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th March 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5 dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi is keeping very fit. His weight is 104 lbs.
There is nothing else to report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 211 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1114
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 14th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 184, dated the 8th March 1933. I am directed to inform you that Government have no objection to prisoner Chhaganlal Joshi being allowed to accompany Mr. Gandhi to the special yard to help the latter in extracting from newspapers material bearing on untouchability.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
15th March 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 216 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 15th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information with reference to his confidential letter No. 199, dated 7th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 210 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received from the President Marwari Yuwak Mandal, Yeotrnal, addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 213 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 211 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner, M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 212 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 14th March 1933

Dear Sir,

With reference to my application for permission to Doctors Ramnathan and Desai of the Meteorological Department to come to the Yeravda Central Prison in the evening just after dark to show me the use of an astronomical telescope, the Superintendent has just informed me that the

Government cannot see their way to grant the permission or reasons stated in the order. I cannot help saying that I was wholly unprepared for this decision. I have known both Yeravda Central Prison and Ahmedabad Central Prison to be open at night, my application was for the admission not of strangers, but of Government officials, on a day convenient to the authorities only for half an hour for innocent instruction. As I would not like to think that the Government would reject such a simple request, I renew my application. But should the Government refuse to reconsider, would they allow the above mentioned officials to give me such instructions as may be possible just before the prison gates are closed ?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

To
The Secretary,
Government of Bombay, Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1133
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 15th March 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 180, dated the 6th March 1933, with which you forwarded for the orders of Government a letter from the First Class Sub-Judge, Poona, to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, asking him to show cause why the summons in civil suit No. 88 of 1933 cannot be served on Mr. Gandhi, I am directed to request that you will ask the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to acknowledge the letter of the Subordinate Judge and inform him that Government have instructed the District Government Pleader, Poona, to argue the point in Court on a date to be fixed by the Subordinate Judge.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 222 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of necessary action.

This has a reference to his Confl. No. 195, dated 6th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 213 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 15th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed Slate prisoner M. K. Gandhi, during the week from 7th March to 13th March 1933:

Name	Address
Tuesday, 7th March :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
A. V. Patwardhan	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
Raihana Tyabji	C/o D. D. Nanavati, Sangam.
R. Shastri	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Lilavati Asar	Bombay.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
Mukund Malaviya	Sabarmati.
P. N. Rajbhoj	207, Ghorpade, Poona-2.

Name	Address
Tuesday, 7th March— <i>contd.</i>	
H. G. Phatak	283, Sadashiv, Poona-2.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Arybhushan Press, Poona.
Wednesday, 8th March :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
V. Krishnamurty	Lloyd Chamber, Walkeshwar, Bombay.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
C. P. Shukla	Parna Kuti, Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona, Tilak Road.
Acharya Limaye	Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
Thursday, 9th March :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Chandrashankar Shukla	' Parna Kuti', Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
P. S. Gopalan	Poona.
Anasuya Sarabhai	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
S. G. Banker	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
Vaikunth L. Mehta	Marzbanabad, Andheri.
Vasukaka Joshi	Chitrashala Press, Poona.
Friday, 10th March :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parna Kuti, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona.
D. V. Patel	Girgaum, Bombay.
Laxman Shastri Joshi	Sevasadan, Poona.
Shriniwas Vyankatesh Navathe	226, Sadashiv, Poona.
Mathuradas Trikumji	Sabarmati.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Ala Pocha	Poona.
P. Kodandrao	Poona.
Saturday, 11th March :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati,

Name	Address
Saturday, 11th March— <i>convtd.</i>	
Mathuradas Trikumji	Sabarmati.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
Miss Indira Nehru	Pupils Own School, Poona.
Mr. Kamalanayan	Pupils Own School, Poona.
Mr. Ramkrishna Bajaj	Pupils Own School, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parna Kutli, Poona.
S. G. Banker	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
Anasuya Sarabhai	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
Laxman Shastri Joshi	Sevasadan, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Poona.
Sunday, 12th March :	
Monday, 13th March :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Anandi Asar	Sabarmati.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I. Poona, Sardar Hindu Lodge.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
P. Kodand Rao	Poona.
Maruti Govindrao Kasar	Dhond, District Poona.
Babu Dagdu Kale	Dhond, District Poona.
Haribhau Phatak	Poona.
Narayan Bhikaji Parulekar	624, Sadashiv, Poona-2.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent.
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 217 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 15th March 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. T.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 215 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 15th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter, together with some newspaper cuttings received from ' Satish' for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 223 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders regarding disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 214 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 15th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith for your information a Marathi letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, from one Mr. Pandurang Vithal Karmalkar, a released prisoner from Ratnagiri prison. The letter has been withheld. English translation is attached hereto.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 221 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS
Poona, 16th March 1933

Returned with compliments.

For action if approved.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 217 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S. D. 1153
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 16th March 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir.

In returning herewith (1) a telegram from Mr. Gandhi addressed to ' Bachhraj Wardha ' which was received with your endorsement No. 204 dated the 13th March 1933, and (2) two letters addressed to Mr. Gandhi—one from Mrs. Dhanawati Ranka and the other from Mr. A. R. Tijaray which were received with your endorsement No. 203 dated the 13th March 1933, I am directed to inform you that the telegram and the two letters should be withheld.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 224 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 17th March 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.
Forwarded with compliments for information and guidance.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant, Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 265 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 30th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
30th March 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 219 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send here with a letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from Mr. Motilal Roy, Calcutta, together with the Memorandum

and articles of the Association of the Prabartak Trust Limited, and to enquire whether these may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 225 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 18th March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
 Home Department (Special), Bombay.
 Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders regarding disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
 Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1176
 HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
 Bombay Castle, 17th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell Esq. C.I.E., I.C.S.,
 Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
 Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your No. 212 dated the 14th March 1933 regarding Mr. Gandhi's request for the grant of permission to Doctors Ramnathan and Desai of the Meteorological Department to give him instructions in the use of an astronomical telescope for about half an hour, I am directed to enquire whether, in view of the fact that Mr. Gandhi is now willing to have the instructions just before the prison gates are closed, it

would cause any administrative difficulty if the two Doctors were allowed in for half an hour before lock-up, and if not, what time should be specified.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department.

No. 228 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 18th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of report. This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 211 dated 14th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

No. Confl. 225 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE.

Dated 20th March 1933

Inward No. 423

20th March 1933

Returned with compliments.

There would be no administrative difficulty if the Doctors are allowed to give instructions to Mr. Gandhi as long as they leave the jail premises by 6-15 p.m.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 243 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 20th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special). I agree with the opinion expressed by Major Bhandari.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 1177
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 17th March 1933

To

Messrs. S. R. Maharaj and S. Roopsingh,
C/o Arya Nivas, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.

MEMORANDUM

With reference to their petition dated the 13th March 1933, addressed to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, requesting that they may be allowed to interview Mr. M. K. Gandhi in the Yeravda Jail on the subject of untouchability, Messrs. S. R. Maharaj and S. Roopsingh are informed that they should address themselves to Mr. Gandhi in the first instance, and if they can show that he wants to see them about untouchability they can then apply direct to the Jail Superintendent for admission.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 1178
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 17th March 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to
:—
The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency,

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.11

For information,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
18th March 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy of Express Letter No. S.D. 1175, dated 17th March 1933 from the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay, to the Inspector-General of Prisons. Poona.

Inward No. 409
18th March 1933

For purpose of answer to question in Assembly please report very urgently full facts of reported refusal by Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to permit M. S. Aney, Acting President of Congress, to interview Gandhi.

**CONFIDENTIAL
URGENT**

No. 227 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 18th March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of early report.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Colonel I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

Inward No. 418
20th March 1933

No. Confl. 222 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE.
Yeravda, 20th March 1933

Returned with compliments.

Mr. Aney was refused interview with Mr. Gandhi as according to letter No. S.D. 1560 dated 3rd March 1932, from Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, interviews are allowed only with :—

- (i) Personal relatives.
- (ii) Non-political inmates of the Sabarmati Ashram.
- (iii) Non-Political personal friends.

Mr. Aney does not fall in any of these categories. If he wished to see Mr. Gandhi on untouchability only, he should have written to him. In that case if Mr. Gandhi was willing to see him, the interview would have been permitted.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 232 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 20th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary, Home Department, (Special) with the information required.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Colonel I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 221 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 18th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) A. E. KALETY,

Major, I.M.S.,

for Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL
URGENT

No. 229 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 18th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special), for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Inspector-General of Prisons.

Poona, 18th March 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy of Confidential Letter No. 223, dated 20th March 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

Inward No. 417

20th March 1933

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received from Mrs. Dhanawati Ranka, addressed to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, for favour of orders.

Correspondence and telegrams on this subject have been withheld.

No. 231 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 20th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special),
for favour of orders regarding disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

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Gandhiji Yeravda Jail Poona.

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Mehandji and Myself.

DHANWATI RANKA.

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CONFIDENTIAL

No. SD. 1219

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 20th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter dated 12th March 1933 and enclosures from ' Satish' addressed to Mr. M. K. Gandhi, which were received with your endorsement No. 223, dated the 16th March 1933, I am directed to state that they should be delivered to Mr. Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department.

No. 245 of 1933
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 21st March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

SRC.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 237 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON'S OFFICE
Dated 23rd March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
23rd March 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1210
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL.)
Bombay Castle, 20th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the telegram from the President, Marwari Yuwak Mandal, Yeotmal, addressed to Mr. Gandhi, which was received with your

endorsement No. 213, dated the 14th March 1933, I am directed to inform you that the telegram should be withheld.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 244 of 1933
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 21st March 1933
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22nd March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for disposal as directed.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 236 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 23rd March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
23rd March 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 53 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 20th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A ' Class female Prisoner No. 8296 Miss Slade (Miraben) for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of perusal and further disposal.

On page 17 there is a reference to the transfer of Detenue Mrudulaben.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 248 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for delivery after the objectionable passages have been expunged.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 234 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 23rd March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
23rd March 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1235
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 21st March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In returning herewith the telegram dated the 18th March 1933 from Mrs. Dhanwati Ranka to Mr. Gandhi which accompanied your endorsement No. 231 of the 20th idem, I am directed to state that it should be withheld.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 250 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for disposal in accordance with instructions.

This has a reference to his Confidential Letter No. 223, dated 20th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 235 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICER
Dated 23rd March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
23rd March 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 226 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith two letters received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, for favour of orders.

In the letter (No. 1) from Mr. P. R. Thakur, Calcutta, Mr. Gandhi is being advised to start another fast if necessary.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 247 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 21st March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
 Home Department (Special), Bombay.
 Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders regarding disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
 Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

From

Mr. P. R. Thakur, Bar-at-Law,
 Vice-President, All-Bengal Depressed Classes Federation,
 Lussa Road, Calcutta.

Dear Mahatmaji,

On Tuesday the 14th of March 1933, the Bengal Legislative Council accepted by 36 against 27 votes, a special motion ; the Prime Minister to revise and withdraw his acceptance of the Poona Pact so far as Bengal was concerned. And it is understood that the pact will be modified against the will of the depressed classes of Bengal. If it is so, what will you be doing Mahatmaji ? We believed in you and we were satisfied with what we got from you. Now the caste Hindus of Bengal do not care to abide by your decision. They do not want you in Bengal. You should fast again and die for us if necessary, your blood will wash away the sins of the caste Hindus. What will you do with India's freedom if we untouchables are to live in India as cats and dogs ? The Bengal depressed classes have still faith in you and they are anxiously waiting to know your views.

Yours sincerely,
 (Sd.) P. R. THAKUR.

15th March 1933

To

M. K. Gandhi, Esqr.,
Yeravda Jail, Poona.

Respected Sir,

You are an educated, wise and experienced patriot and politician, a leader and statesman as such your staying in the jail willingly and unnecessarily is a heavy loss to the country and the people; so I humbly pray that you will kindly give up civil disobedience movement and come out of the jail and devote your prison time in Khaddar and Swadeshi movement, in removing untouchability, in establishing unity among Hindus and Muslims and other constructive works beneficial to the country and the people. I beg to submit that the C. D. O. Movement instead of doing any good has done immense losses and mischiefs to the country and people so I humbly appeal to your good sense to issue orders prohibiting the mischievous movement and get yourself released from the imprisonment. Praying for your health and long life.

With best regards.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) KHANDKAR, MD. ZAKARIA,
Post and Village Salar, District Murshidabad.

Dated 14th March 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1237

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 21st March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 229, dated the 18th March 1933, I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed in reply to his letter to Government of the 18th March 1933, that the telegram addressed to ' Bachhraj, Wardha ', to which it is presumed that he refers, was withheld under the rules applying to his correspondence on matters unconnected with the removal of untouchability, because it appeared to relate to a matter of jail discipline on which, as a State prisoner, he was not entitled to convey

advice, even of an unobjectionable kind, to other prisoners who are under the sole control of their jail authorities.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 249 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for favour of communication as directed.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 221 dated 18th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 242 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 24th March 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
24th March 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 228 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st March 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special) No. S.D. 5, dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. Gandhi is keeping very good health. He has increased in weight by
1 lb., his present weight being 105 lbs.

Number of visitors has considerably decreased.

He appears to be getting number of protests against the Poona Pact from Bengal and other Provinces. I herewith enclose an extract from a letter for him from Mr. Birla on the same subject.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

No. 246 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 21st March 1933

Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 231 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 22nd March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 14th March 1933 to 20th March 1933 :—

Name	Address
Tuesday, 14th March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Laxman Shastri Joshi	Sevasadan, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
S. Subramaniam	Madras.
S. Gaulsan	Madras.
Mrs. S. Gaulsan	Madras.
Raihana Tyabji	C/o D. D. Nanavati, Sangam, Poona.
Wednesday, 15th March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
S. G. Banker	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
Anasuya Sarabhai	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I. Sardar Hindu Lodge, Poona
Thursday, 16th March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. X. Soares	321, Main Street, Poona.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I. Sardar Lodge, Poona.

Name	Address
Friday, 17th March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Saturday, 18th March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Miss Indira Nehru	Pupils Own School, 3, Stavelcy Road.
Mr. Kamalanayan Bajaj	Pupils Own School, 3, Staveley Road.
Ramkrishna Bajaj	Pupils Own School, Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Keshav M. Gandhi	Satyagraha Ashrama.
Shrimati Velaben	Sabarmati.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Laxman Shastri Joshi	Sevasadan, Poona.
Rajaram Ramdasi	635, Shanwar, Poona.
Krishna Sakharam Shinde	635, Shanwar, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Sunday, 19th March 1933 :	
Monday, 20th March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
P. H. Gadre	Nasik City.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 256 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Copy forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1270
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 23rd March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your endorsement No. 243, dated the 20th March 1933, I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed that Government have no objection to Doctors Ramnathan and Desai of the Meteorological Department giving him instructions in the use of an astronomical telescope for about half an hour on any week day before 6-15 p.m., but that, for the reasons given in Government letter No. S.D. 1027, dated the 9th March 1933, they cannot be allowed to remain inside the jail premises after that hour.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 260 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 24th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for note, and communication as directed.

This has a reference to his Confidential Letter No. 225 dated 20th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 245 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE.
Dated 25th March 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1271
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 23rd March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letters addressed to Mr. Gandhi by Mr. P. R. Thakur of Calcutta and Mr. Khandkar Md. Zakaria of Salar, District Murshidabad, which were received with your endorsement No. 247, dated

the 21st March 1933, I am directed to inform you that both the letters should be withheld.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 261 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 24th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for necessary disposal.

This has a reference to his Confidential No. 226 dated 21st March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Conn. 244 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
25th March 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1896
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 24th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter to Mr. Gandhi from Mr. Motilal Roy of Calcutta and its enclosure which were received with your endorsement No. 225 dated the 18th March 1933, I am directed to inform you that they may be delivered.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 270 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 25th March 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his Confl. No. 219, dated 17th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please-return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 287 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI;
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

" I take it that you have seen in the press the Bengal Council having denounced the Poona Pact. It was not a severe defeat. But I did not like the attitude of the Council at all. Naturally, I did not like to express any views about this matter to the Press. But I feel that something has to be done to counteract the propaganda which is carried on against the Poona Pact. The press is unanimous against the Poona Pact. I am enclosing herewith cuttings from today's ' Advance ' and ' Liberty ' which will give you an idea of their editorial attitude. Satish Babu, however, tells me that the general public is not at all against the Pact. It could be said without exaggerating the position that the opinion in Bengal is divided. Bidhan Babu himself is not in favour of the Pact and therefore no leader of importance has said a word so far in favour of the Pact. I had a talk this morning with Satish Babu and have asked him to approach Sir P. C. Roy and Dr. Tagore. If they agree, then a meeting could be held to pass resolutions in favour of the Pact. I am going to have a talk with Dr. Roy this afternoon, but I fear, he may not say anything helpful. This is just for your information.

Yours affectionately
(Sd.) GHANSHYAMA.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 44 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith two letters written by ' A ' Class female prisoner Nos. 8296 and 8313 Miss Slade (Miraben) and

Mrs. Gandhi (English translation of the Gujarati letter in English accompanies) for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of perusal and further disposal.

Letter from Miss Slade :—

Pages 1, 3 and 4 are objectionable as per rules.

Page 11 contains reference to Mrs. Gandhi.

Page 16 reference to Detenue Mrudula.

Mrs. Gandhi's letter contains reference to Detenue Mrudula, released prisoner Kusumben and other prisoners.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 218 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 15th March 1933

To

The Superintendent.

Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments. The letters may be delivered.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

No. Conn. 216 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 16th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison,

Confidential letter No. 241, dated 24th March 1933, from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

' I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, for favour of further disposal.'

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 262 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 24th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special), for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

Letter No. 243 (Confidential) dated 24th March 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

' I have the honour to send herewith a letter received from Mr. C. F. Andrews, for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi and to enquire whether the same may be delivered to the addressee.'

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 264 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 25th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary, H. D. (Special), for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 1889

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 24th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

Mr. S. Salivati,
Special Correspondent,
The Daily Herald of London,
C/o Thomas Cook & Son, Bombay.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 15th March 1933, asking for permission to interview Mr. Gandhi in order to ascertain his views on the Indian political question, I am directed to invite your attention to the statements of Government policy made from time to time as, for instance, that by the Honourable the Home Member of the Government of India in reply to a short notice question by Mr. B. Das in the Legislative Assembly on the 7th November 1932, in regard to the restrictions on Mr. Gandhi's participation in the discussion of political questions. I am to state that consistently with this policy Government are unable to accede to your request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 246 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 25th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Rt. Hon. Lansbury, Bow, London and to enquire whether the same may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 269 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 25th March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 267 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 25th March 1933

From

Lt-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Private Secretary to
His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Bombay.

Sir,

In continuation of this office confidential letter No. 160, dated the 27th February 1933, I have the honour to forward herewith, for information, the health report on State prisoners Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Vallabhbhai Patel.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 268 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 24th March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Bombay.

Copy together with the copy of health report forwarded with compliments for information in continuation of this office confidential No. 161, dated the 27th February 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 247 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th March 1933

From

Major, M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

And

Major S. R. Prall, M.D., I.M.S.,
Acting Civil Surgeon, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Surgeon-General, Poona, in his Memo. No. S. 198-B/Confl. dated 19th January 1932, we have the honour to state that we conjointly examined State prisoners Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Vallabhbhai Patel on 25th March 1933, and found them in good health.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) S. R. PRALL,
Major, M.D., I.M.S.,
Acting Civil Surgeon, Poona.

CAMP BOMBAY
Dated 26th March 1933

From

S. Salivati,
Special Correspondent,
The Daily Herald of London,
C/o Thos. Cook & Son, Bombay ;

To

The Secretary,
Home Department, The Government of Bombay,
Bombay.

Sir,

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of the 24th instant inviting my attention to the statement of the Government's policy regarding facilities to interview Mr. Gandhi.

If I read correctly the reply given by the Hon'ble the Home Member of the Government of India to Mr. B. Das on November 7th last, none will be allowed to discuss with Mr. Gandhi Indian political questions until the terms mentioned in the letter written by the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy to Moulana Shaukatali are complied with. The Viceroy would willingly permit interviews on non-political subjects like untouchability.

The British United Press, through their allied organisation W. P. A. London, has instructed me to approach your Government for permission to see Mr. Gandhi on an absolutely non-political subject which has nothing to do with India at all.

The Central European situation is rather intriguing. The British United Press thinks that a couple of hundred words from Mr. Gandhi on ' what should be done to avoid a new war' will be read with much amusement. The question is purely of academical interest, nothing to do with the Indian political question.

Will your Government be pleased to grant me necessary permission to interview Mr. Gandhi on the above question of human interest and oblige ?

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Yours obediently,
(Sd.) S. SALIVATI.

20th Day of His Fasting; Health of Seth P. Ranka in Danger?

Smt. Dhanvati Devi Ranka writes, under date April 24 :—

I saw my husband, Seth Poonamchand Ranka, on 6th March in Seoni Jail. He commenced fasting on 4th March as a protest against the classification.

Before the commencement of his fast he had already lost 40 lbs. in weight. Today it is 20th day of his fasting. Even on 6th instant, the third day of his fasting he could not rise from bed.

God knows in what condition he is lying today fasting in a solitary cell of Seoni Jail. Nobody not even (his fellow-prisoner) is allowed to attend or even to see him. No interview is granted to us till today. His health is causing great anxiety. It is difficult to say whether he can pass a week more in the condition in which we saw him.

Chronicle 27th March.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1940

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 27th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 269, dated the 25th March 1933, I am directed to return herewith the telegram addressed by Mr. Gandhi to ' Rt. Hon. Lansbury, Bow, London ' and to state that it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 271 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 28th March 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 246, dated 25th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confdl. 257 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 29th March 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

BIRLA HOUSE
Albuquerque Road,
New Delhi.
Dated 28th March 1933

My dear Bapu,

There are one or two points on which I want your advice.

When at Benares, I heard that a number of ' Domes ' who changed their religion some time back, now on account of the present movement want to come again to the fold of Hinduism. The local Arya Samajists wanted financial help from the Society in order that they could be reclaimed. I personally saw no objection in it and so I have promised to help them from my personal pocket. The question is : Should not the Society interest itself in such a matter ? If not, why not ? When we refuse to take interest in such matters, people legitimately criticise that at the expense of Hinduism we are too eager to placate others. I think, there is much in that charge. I am not in favour of performing 'Sudhi' for the sake of ' Sudhi' by inducing Mussalmans or Christians to change their religion, but if a Hindu who has changed his religion wants to come back to the fold of Hinduism, I see no reason why we should not encourage him.

I wrote a letter to Benthall asking him to give us paper free of charge for the Hindi *Harijan*. Probably you know that Benthall is the Managing Agent of the Titagarh Paper Mills. Benthall said that he could consider the question of advertising in the *Harijan* but cannot present to us paper as a gift. I said,

we would mention in the issue of the *Harijan* that we had received paper gratis from the Titagarh Paper Mills and that this in itself would be an advertisement. But he said, this will not serve his purpose. I told him that as we did not take advertisement it was not possible for us to advertise the Titagarh Paper Mills. The matter is now before the Board of Directors. Do you think, it is possible for us to accommodate the Titagarh Paper Mills.

I wonder, what do you think now of the Hindi *Harijan* ? I personally think, on the whole the publication is quite satisfactory. Financially it will take some time before it could be independent. But I think, it is making steady progress and in three or four months' time it would become absolutely self-supporting.

Yours affectionately,

(Sd.) GHANSYAMA.

Mahatma M. K. Gandhi,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 253 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th March 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5, dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :

There is nothing particular to report.

The number of visitors to Mr. Gandhi has decreased.

His health is good.

Mr. Polak saw him on 26th March 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 275 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona 28th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 254 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that a telescope and a pair of Binoculars has been received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

The telescope has got a stand about 5 ft. in height. It is fairly heavy. There is another stand (height about 5 ft.)—a Tripod—for the Binoculars. The Binoculars themselves are about 5 ft. in length.

I would like to be informed if they should be delivered to Mr. Gandhi. They will have to be kept under lock and key when not in use.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 272 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 28th March 1933

Returned with compliments.

As Government has granted State prisoner Gandhi certain facilities in the connection—I see no reason why the optical instruments referred to above should be withheld.

They should therefore be handed to Mr. Gandhi who should make his own arrangements for their safe custody. The jail cannot be expected to issue and receive these expensive instruments from store as required.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 258 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 29th March 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
29th March 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 274 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS OFFICE
Poona, 28th March 1933

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith copies of letters received from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi in confirmation of our telephone conversation of today.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 255 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th March 1933

From The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;
To The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith two letters from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of disposal, one addressed to you and another to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 28th March 1933

Dear Col. Doyle,

Will you please do me the favour of telegraphing or telephoning the contents of the enclosed to the Government of Bombay ?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. G. GANDHI.

First Communication

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 28th March 1933

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 23rd instant I enclose herewith a cutting from the *Bombay Chronicle* reporting Seth Poonamchand's fast. In view of the report I would respectfully ask for a reply by tomorrow evening. I would urge the Government to enter into my feelings, although I am a prisoner. With all the will in the world to find my peace as a prisoner in complete obedience to authority I cannot suppress the humanitarian in me, I cannot

give up the mission of a life-time. I would ask the Government also to realise, if I may say so with due humility, that I occupy the position of a parent to hundreds of men and women. They would not expect me to let Seth Poonamchand die without my making an effort to save him if I can.

I am asking Col. Doyle to telegraph or telephone the contents of this letter to you.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

I Enclo.

The Secretary to Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 28th March 1933

My dear Colonel,

I conveyed the orders of Government of Bombay to Mr. Gandhi.

I herewith enclose his reply.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI.

Second Communication

The matter is so urgent that it is most difficult for me to wait. As it is, it has been a torturing thing for me. If anything happens to Seth Poonamchand, it will haunt me for the rest of my life that I failed to secure permission from Government to establish communication with him in the nick of time. I must therefore ask for an immediate reply. I would suggest that the Government of Bombay should on their own responsibility allow me to establish communication with Seth Poonamchand through the C. P. Home Member.

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

28th March 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 260 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 29th March 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons visited State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 21st March 1933 to 27th March 1933 :

Name	Address
Tuesday, 21st March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
D. V. Patel	Ram Niwas, Bombay.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Mrs. V. L. Pandit	Poona Hotel, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Associated Press of India.
S. K. Shindkar	Sevasadan, Poona.
C. G. Agashe	28, Shukrawar, Poona-2.
G. R. Limaye	Sevasadan, 899, Sadashiv Peth.
H. G. Lagu	1, Shukrawar, Poona.
V. P. Dongre	1, Shukrawar, Poona.
H. G. Phatak	650, Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Shankar Narayan Joshi	749, Sadashiv, Poona.
Purshottam Govind Mate	Tilak Road, Poona.
D. V. Kale	312, Sadashiv, Poona.
Wednesday, 22nd March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Mrs. V. L. Pandit	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Elizabeth Meyer	Napier Hotel, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Thursday, 23rd March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Keshav Gandhi	Poona.
Velaben	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I., Poona.
Friday, 24th March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Poona.
Mrs. V. L. Pandit	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.

Name	Address
Friday, 24th March 1933— <i>contd.</i>	
Ronald Freeman	Poona, C. S. S. Ashrama.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
Saturday, 25th March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Mathuradas Trijumji	53, Mint Road, Fort. Bombay.
Hemlata Amarchand.	53, Mint Road, Fort. Bombay.
Kusum Amarchand	53, Mint Road, Fort. Bombay.
Dileep Kumar	53, Mint Road, Fort. Bombay.
Usuf Meheralli	Carnac Street, Bombay.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Mrs. V. L. Pandit	Poona Hotel, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
R. Shastri	Datar Building, Opp. P. Y. C. Hindu Gymkhana, Poona-4.
H. S. L. Polak	London.
P. Kodand Rao	Poona.
Sunday, 26th March 1933 :	
Monday, 27th March 1933 :	
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
Ala Pocha	8, Napier Road, Poona.
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 282 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 30th March 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 280 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 30th March 1933

MEMORANDUM

In confirmation of my telephone message of 10 p.m. of the 29th instant.

State prisoner M. K. Gandhi should be informed that permission has been received from Government for him to despatch the telegram, previously withheld, addressed to ' Bachhraj, Wardha.'

His request to address prisoner Poonamchand through the Home Member, Central Provinces, is refused.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 1997
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 30th March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell. Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 274, dated the 28th March 1933, and in confirmation of the orders of Government communicated to you by telephone yesterday evening. I am directed to state that Mr. Gandhi is permitted to send the telegram to ' Bachhraj Wardha ' which was returned to you with my letter No. S.D. 1153, dated the 16th instant, but his request to be put in direct communication with prisoner

Punamchand Ranka, through the Honourable the Home Member, Central Provinces, cannot be allowed. Mr. Gandhi should be so informed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.
For information in continuation of this office Memo of 30th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
31st March 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 284 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 31st March 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information in continuation of this office Confidential Memo No. 280 dated 30th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Organization Committee for Hindustan's Proposed ' Health Center ' .

NAWAB MANZIL
Baroda, 31st March 1933

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

Dear Sir,

I would like to discuss for an hour or more the plans for the proposed ' Health Center' for India, with Mahatma Gandhiji. The objects of the ' Health Center ' are non-political as you may see from the enclosed. Will you kindly therefore after consulting Mahatmaji inform me the date and time when I may be able to visit him.

I remain.
Yours truly,
(Sd.) S. F. HUSAIN KHAN,
President.

No. 290 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 2nd April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 2003
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 31st March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department;

To

Mr. S. Salivati,
Special Correspondent,
The Daily Herald of London,
C/o Thomas Cook & Son, Bombay.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 26th March 1933, I am directed to inform you that the restrictions on press interviews with Mr. Gandhi have been relaxed only in connection with his work for the removal of untouchability and that interviews on any other subjects are not permitted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2003
A HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 31st March 1933

Copy together with copies of the correspondence cited in the margin

1. Letter to Mr. S. Salivali. No. S.D. 1889. dated the 24th forwarded with compliment to :
March 1933.
2. Letter from Mr. S. Salivati dated the 26th March 1933.

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.),.....,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 266 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 31st March 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Birla for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi. In this letter Mr. Birla has asked Mr. Gandhi's advice about reconversion of certain people to Hinduism. As the subject appears to be controversial the letter is being forwarded to you for orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 285 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 1st April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary H. D. (Special) for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2018
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 31st March 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 264, dated the 25th March 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter dated the 4th idem from Mr. C. F. Andrews addressed to Mr. Gandhi together with its enclosure and to say that it should be delivered.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 286 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 1st April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 243, dated 24th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/273 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M.G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
3rd April 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 288 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 1st April 1933

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to the Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for favour of disposal, a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 1st April 1933

Dear Sir,

I am thankful for the receipt in due time of the Government reply to my request about the C. P. Prisoner Seth Poonamchand Ranka who is reported to be fasting in the Seoni Jail. I am hoping that the permission will be adequate for the purpose intended.

The permission however does not dispose of the larger issue discussed in my letter of the 23rd March. The Government's reply raising the larger issue disturbs the whole arrangement under which I have lived as a prisoner under successive Superintendents. I would therefore like to know the Government's early decision on my request. The delay caused in my establishing contact with Seth Poonamchand has meant to me an agony I would not like to go through again.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 267 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 1st April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith two letters from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, one addressed to you and the other to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary, Home Department (Special). for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 268 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 1st April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith two letters received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from (1) Mrs. Dhanwati Ranka, and (2) Shri Krishnadas, Wardha, and to enquire whether the same may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 289 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 2nd April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
1st April 1933

Dear Col. Doyle,

You will remember you were to deal with the question of hand spinning in the jails at an early date. I supplied my statement on the 27th January. Could the matter be now decided ?

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2039
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 3rd April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to my letter No. S.D. 2018, dated the 31st March 1933, in which you were authorised to deliver to Mr. Gandhi the letter dated the 4th idem with its enclosure addressed to him by Mr. C. F. Andrews, I am

directed to request that if Mr. Gandhi should send a reply to this letter, it should be referred to Government for orders.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.).....,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
 Home Department.

No. 299 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS
 OFFICE Poona, 5th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for action as directed by Government.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
 Lt.-Col, I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

This has a reference to the correspondence ending with his No. C/273, dated the 3rd April 1933. Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 283 of 1933
 YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
 Dated 6th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major, I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) E. E. Doyle.
 7th April 1933

Poona, 3rd April 1933

Dear Mr. Gandhi,

I have given your ' Note on hand spun yarn ' very careful consideration and have also consulted several experienced Superintendents in this connection but I regret to say I remain unconvinced.

Hand spun yarn cannot possibly replace mill spun yarn as far as our requirements are concerned. I am therefore not prepared to adopt ' hand spinning ' as a regular Jail industry especially as the conditions to which you refer are purely abnormal.

As regards the wider issue to which you refer, I really do not see how you can expect me to accept the principle implied that prisoners should be permitted to select the type of labour they will perform while in jail.

Yours,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE

To

Mr. M. K. Gandhi, Yeravda.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 270 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter and its English translation received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, from Shri Krishnadas Jaju, Wardha and to enquire whether the same may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 293 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2043
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 3rd April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 285, dated the 1st April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter from Mr. Ghanshyamdas Birla to Mr. Gandhi and to state that it may be delivered. I am to request that if Mr. Gandhi should send a reply to this letter, it should be referred to Government for orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
our most obedient servant.

(Sd.).....
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 300 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 5th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for action as directed by Government.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., T.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

This has a reference to his letter No. 266, dated 31st March 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. Chaubal.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 284 of 1933
YERAVAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 6th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(sd.) M.G. BHANDARI
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2041
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 3rd April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that it is reported that Mr. F. Theo. Rogers of the ' Phillippines Free Press ' who is expected to visit India shortly intends to seek an interview with Mr. Gandhi. The Consul for the United States of America at Bombay who approached Government on his behalf has been informed that an interview cannot be allowed. I am to request that if an application for an interview is made direct to you it should be refused.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2042
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 3rd April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.).....,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for information and note.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

No. C/271 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a telegram written by the State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to the Superintendent, Belgaum Central Prison for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 297 of 1933
Poona, 3rd April 1933

Returned with compliments.
This may be allowed to go on.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 276 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2062
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 4th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 290, dated the 2nd April 1933, I am directed to inform you that Government have no objection to Dr. Syed Fakhruddin Husain Khan, President of the Organization Committee for Hindustan's proposed 'Health Center', being permitted to interview Mr. Gandhi in connection with the work of the 'Health Center'.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 301 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 5th April 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and guidance.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.11

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Copy of Confidential letter No. 275, dated the 4th April 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay, through the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

Inward No. 524
5th April 1933

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5, dated the 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :

There is nothing special to report.

Mr.Gandhi is keeping very good health.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 298 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 5th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Home Department, Special for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 277 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, during the week from 28th March 1933 to 3rd April 1933.

Name	Address
28th March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri, (Typist)	Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
P. N. Driver	Sholapur Road, Poona.
Mrs. V. L. Pandit	Poona Hotel.
Miss K. Nehru	Poona Hotel.
Anandi Asar	Tilak Road, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	Associated Press, Poona.
29th March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri, (Typist)	
C. P. Shukla	' Parnakuti', Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I., Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Anandi Asar	Ashrama, Sabarmati.
Mrs. Shastri	Datar's Building, Poona.
30th March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri. (Typist)	
C. P. Shukla	' Parnakuti', Poona.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
Anandi Asar	Tilak Road, Poona.
C. Rajgopalachariar	' Gandhi Ashrama ', Tiruchengodu, (C/o Lady Thakersey, Poona).
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.

Name	Address
31st March 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	
C. P. Shukla	' Parnakuti', Poona.
K. A. D. Naoroji	Bombay.
S. P. Jeejeebhoy	Bombay.
N. D. S. Captain	Bombay.
Mathuradas Trikumji	53, Mint Road, Fort, Bombay.
Lilabai	' Parnakuti', Poona.
C. Rajgopalachariar	' Parnakuti', Poona.
Shemkaram	' Parnakuti', Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
R. Shastri	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	' Parnakuti'. Poona.
Anandi Asar	Tilak Road, Poona.
1st April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
Anandi Asar	Tilak Road, Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
A. M. Peterson	Porto Novo.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I., Poona.
3rd April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	
Mrs. Byram N. Khambatta	275, Hornby Road, Bombay.
Byram N. Khambatta	275, Hornby Road, Bombay.
Raihana Tyabji	C/o Nanavati, Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I., Poona.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
 Major, T.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 304 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 5th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.).....

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

J. G. Thakar,
Opposite Custom House, Cutch, Anjar.

Dated 5th April 1933
Wednesday

To

The Private Secretary
to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Bombay.

Dear Sir,

I the undersigned most humbly request you to ask His Excellency to interest himself on my behalf and get me permission to get admitted in the Yeravda Central Prison, simply to see or have Darshan of Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

The reason is that I have a longstanding vow to fulfil by having his Darshan and I hoped against hope that he will soon be released and there would be no need to see him in prison. I have no talks to enter into with him ; nor am I a political. It is simply a social vow which is fulfilled as soon as I see him with my eyes personally.

I am put to great trouble unless I get his Darshan soon. Truth to say my marriage stands pending until then. The Superintendent, Yeravda Jail refused me permission and hence I had to trouble you to kindly get favourable orders of His Excellency, to whom I shall remain ever obliged if graciously he accedes to my trivial request.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) JADAVJI GAGOO THAKAR
of Cutch, Anjar.

Jadavji Gagoo Thakar,
Opp. Custom House, Cutch, Anjar.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 278 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

Reference :—H. D. (Political), Confl. No. S.D. 2041, dated 3rd April 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that Mr. F. Theo. Rogers approached me some days ago through the local correspondent of the *Times of India* requesting for an interview with Mr. Gandhi. But the interview was refused.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

No. 303 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 5th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2074
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 5th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the three letters noted in the margin addressed to

1. Letter dated the 27th March 1933 from Mrs. Dhana-wati Ranka.
2. Letter dated the 30th March 1933, from Shri Krish-nadas, Wardha.
3. Letter dated the 1st April 1933. from Shri Krishna-das Jaju, Wardha.

Mr. Gandhi which accom-
panied your endorsements
No. 289 and No. 293
dated the 2nd and 3rd
April 1933, respectively,

I am directed to state that they should be delivered.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 305 of 1933
Poona, 7th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for necessary action.

This has a reference to his Confl. letter Nos. 268 and 270, dated 1st and 3rd April 1933 respectively.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 290 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments for delivery to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI.
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 286 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from Mr. C. F. Andrews Woodbrooke, Selly Oak, Birmingham for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for information and orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 309 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments, for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 289 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Political), Confidential No. S.D. 2039, dated 3rd April 1933, forwarded under Head Office Confl. No. 299, dated 5th April 1933, I have the honour to send herewith the reply from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to the letter from Mr. C. F. Andrews, for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 311 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal, as directed.

(Sd.) E. E. Dohn,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 288 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to Home Department (Political), Confidential No. S.D. 2043, dated 3rd April 1933 forwarded by you under No. Confidential 300, dated 5th April 1933, I have the honour to send herewith the reply from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to the letter from Mr. Ghanashyamdas Birla for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 310 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments as directed, for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Home Department letter No. S.D. 2130, dated 11th April 1933.

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12th April 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 282 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from ' Dhanawatibai Ranka,' Nagpur, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 307 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE.
Poona, 7th April 1933

To

The Secretary to the Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 281 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 6/7th April 1933

From

Major M. G Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir.

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from ' Jaju ' Wardhaganj and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 308 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.11

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

4, FERROZSHAH ROAD
NEW DELHI

Dated 7th April 1933

My dear Sir,

In connection with the talk I had with you this morning, I send you an invitation which I wish to send to Mahatma M. K. Gandhi, requesting him to contribute an article for the Commemoration Volume in connection with the Dayanand Ardha Shatabdi. I do not want him to write anything having any bearing on politics. If even this be objectionable, I am prepared to modify para. 4 of my letter and omit the last 13 words of it and substitute in their place the words ' the uplift of the untouchables'. I would also cut out from the list of subjects all items, or tear out the 2nd leaf of the printed invitation. I hope and beg you will help us in getting Mahatma Gandhi's contribution to the volume in any form you like. Of course I will send the invitation to you to be sent on to the Superintendent of the Yeravda Jail.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) HAR BILAS SARDA.

The Honourable Sir Harry Haig, K.C.S.I.,
Home Member, Government of India, New Delhi.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 8th April 1933

Dear Major Bhandari,

A letter from Seth Poonamchand's wife which I see is dated 27th March and two letters from Seth Jajujee dated 30th March and 1st instant were received by me only yesterday about 4 p.m. These relate, as you know, to Seth Poonamchand Ranka's fast and about which the Government have passed special orders. These are of no avail for the purpose intended, if the

letters received and sent are to be held up for many days before they are delivered to me. I would like to know why they were held up in spite of the orders and whether in future I may have the correspondence in this matter promptly delivered to me.

This delay makes me more anxious than ever to receive the Government's answer to my letter of the 1st instant addressed to the Secretary to the Bombay Government.

Yours sincerely,

Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 292 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 8th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to me. He refers to certain letters that were forwarded to Government for orders as they were about a prisoner (Poonamchand) in C. P. Jail, who is on hunger strike. They were delivered to him as soon as they were received from your office.

In my opinion, it was necessary that the Government should be informed about these letters as they were about a prisoner confined in a jail outside the Bombay Presidency.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 313 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for information and orders.

(Sd.) E. F, DOYLE,
Lt.-Col.I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2108
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 8th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the telegrams dated the 6th April 1933 addressed to Mr. Gandhi by (1) Dhanawatibai Ranka, Nagpur, and (2) Jaju, Wardhaganj, which were received with your endorsements Nos. 307 and 308, respectively, dated the 7th idem, I am directed to inform you that they may be delivered.

I have the honour to be.
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.).....
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 312 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE.
Poona, 9th April 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.
Forwarded with compliments for delivery.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Copy of telegram dated the 6th April 1933, from Dhanawatibai Ranka, Nagpur, addressed to Mr. M. K. Gandhi, Yeravda Central Prison.

' Met Poonamchandji, Nagpur Station en route Khandwa infer from his talk if you wire definite authoritative words he will stop fast obey as disciplinarian.'

Copy of telegram dated the 6th April 1933 from Jaju, Wardhaganj, to Mr. M. K. Gandhi, Yeravda Central Prison.

' Poonamchandji removed Khandwa fast continues your opinion communicated. He wants reasons for your opinion.'

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2108
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 8th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the telegrams dated the 6th April 1933 addressed to Mr. Gandhi by (1) Dhanawatibai Ranka, Nagpur, and (2) Jaju, Wardha-ganj, which were received with your endorsement Nos. 307 and 308.

respectively, dated the 7th idem, I am directed to inform you that they may be delivered.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(S.d.).....

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 312 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 9th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for delivery.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLK.

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) 10th April 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 295 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 10th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 294 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 10th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,

Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to me and a telegram addressed to Seth Poonamchand, prisoner, District Jail. Khandwa, for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 318 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 10th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders. Things are coming to a pretty pass when prisoners demand an explanation from the Superintendent, of the jail in which they are lodged.

I request that Mr. Gandhi be informed that he has exceeded the bounds of propriety by using the language he has done.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

Lt-Col., I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 10th April 1933

Dear Major Bhandari,

I got two wires yesterday about Seth Poonamchand Ranka, dated 6th instant. According to the post marks on them they were delivered to you on the same date. You know how important they were. This delay baffles me. The only way I can some what undo its effect is to send a wire direct to Seth Poonamchand. But that I know is not covered by the Government orders. If you have the power to use the telephone or the wire I would request

you to secure permission from the Government to despatch the enclosed wire as an urgent message to Seth Poonamchand or the Superintendent of the Khandwa Jail at Government expense. This in my humble opinion is the least that is due to the fasting prisoner and me. I would ask for an early explanation of these delays in the handling of correspondence in reference to the life of a prisoner and authorised by Government.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2111
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 10th April 1433.

From

R. M. Maxwell. Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 288, dated the 1st April 1933, with which you forwarded a letter of the same date from Mr. Gandhi who, while thanking Government for the permission given to him to send the telegram to 'Bachhraj, Wardha,' regarding prisoner Punamchand Ranka's fast, says that the permission does not dispose of the larger issue discussed in his letter of the 23rd March and asks for a decision on this point. I am to state that it is presumed that the 'larger issue' referred to is the right which he claims to be allowed to intervene on behalf of prisoners incarcerated in any jail in or outside this Presidency on the strength of certain concessions allowed to him by Government in 1922 (1923 ?), 1930 and during his present incarceration in respect of interviews with fellow prisoners incarcerated in the Yeravda Central Prison.

2. In reply, I am to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed as follows :—

The concessions referred to by Mr. Gandhi were or have been made with respect to each particular occasion and the circumstances connected with it. Thus the concession allowed to Mr. Gandhi in 1923 (not in 1932) to see two *fellow* prisoners who had gone on hunger-strike was made as a very special case and mainly in consideration of the fact that Mr. Gandhi was at the time an ordinary convict in the same jail. This concession however had reference to the particular incident and any concession allowed to Mr. Gandhi during the period of that incarceration of course ceased with all other arrangements, ordinary or special, then existing when he was subsequently released.

The second concession has reference to the period of his detention as a State prisoner in 1930-31. On this occasion Mr. Gandhi having read newspaper accounts of alleged ill-treatment of some fellow-prisoners in the Yeravda Jail asked in September 1930 to be allowed to see occasionally prisoner Pyarelal Bindrabin who was his constant companion before his internment and other civil disobedience prisoners in the jail. Government were not disposed to allow his latter request but permitted him to see Pyarelal and that only to give him an opportunity to satisfy himself that Pyarelal was not in bad health. Mr. Gandhi, however, later modified his request to be permitted to see only his friends who were reported to be suffering from illness, ill-treatment or were reported to have so suffered. This request was conceded subject to the condition that ordinarily there should not be more than one such interview per week. It is clear that this concession was made in special circumstances and that it only applied to the period of that particular confinement which terminated on 26th January 1931.

As for the concession made during his present incarceration, Mr. Gandhi is aware that it was not allowed as a matter of course from the date of his admission into the jail but that he made a specific request in his letter of 16th February 1932 that he might be permitted to get into touch with his co-workers in the Yeravda Jail who were not known to political fame adding ' I have no desire to have any political discussion with them. I can have no idea what so ever of interfering with jail discipline.' In view of this undertaking his request was granted on the following conditions :—

(1) Interviews to be permitted with not more than three prisoners at one time, and not oftener than once in two weeks.

(2) The interviews not to be treated by either side as a means of enquiring into the treatment or conduct of other prisoners in the jail. The jail arrangements, discipline and political subjects not to be discussed.

(3) The interviews to take place in the office of the Superintendent of the prison.

(4) Interview time 20 minutes.

It is clear from the terms of this concession that there was no intention to continue as a matter of course the concession made during the previous confinement and that it was entirely a fresh concession applicable only to civil disobedience prisoners in the Yeravda Jail. Government are unable to extend this concession so as to cover direct communications between him and prisoners in jails other than Yeravda.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 320 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 11th April 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.
This has a reference to his letter No. 267, dated 1st April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 201 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th April 1933

Returned with compliments.
The contents have been communicated to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

New Delhi, 10th April 1933

My dear Diwan Bahadur,

I have considered the question raised in your letter of the 7th April in which you have explained that you wish to request Mr. Gandhi to contribute an article for the Commemoration Volume in connection with the Dayanand Ardha Shatabdi. Government have allowed Mr. Gandhi's considerable latitude for prosecuting his movement in connection with the depressed classes. But it is to be remembered that he is still a State prisoner, and as such it does not seem to me right that he should be invited to contribute an article for a commemoration volume, even if it is confined to non-political topics. I am sorry to cause you disappointment, but I feel that you will realise our point of view.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) H. G. HAIG.

Diwan Bahadur Har Bilas Sarda, M.L.A.,
4, Ferozshah Road.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 299 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, Poona :

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 11th April 1933

Dear Col. Doyle,

Surely you did not require over two months to give me the answer you have to the estimate I supplied at your instance regarding handspinning.

And there too you have altogether missed my point. There was no question of replacing mill spun yarn. My proposal was to supplement it and thus recognise an additional industry for the employment of prisoners who might otherwise be idle or doing less remunerative work. And then too my proposal was not for the introduction of a new thing altogether, but for the regularisation of what was being done haphazardly in several prisons on a fairly large scale.

But the much more vital thing from my stand point was the religious or semi-religious aspect. This you have ignored altogether and imported and dismissed an issue I have never raised. I have not suggested or implied in my letter that prisoners should be permitted to select the type of labour they will perform while in jail. What I have submitted is that those prisoners who

regard hand spinning as a religious duty should be permitted to do so during the time that they are not doing task work, unless at the discretion of the authorities they are permitted to do it as part of the task. You will admit that this is a totally different proposal from the one you attribute to me. I would like you please to decide on that proposal bearing in mind that permission to do religious spinning has been given hitherto in several cases.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2144
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 11th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 318, dated the 10th April 1933, I am directed to inform you that the message which Mr. Gandhi proposed to send to prisoner Poonamchand has been telegraphed to the Government of the Central Provinces with a request that if they see no objection it may be communicated to the prisoner. I am to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed accordingly.

2. The letter dated the 10th instant from Mr. Gandhi to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, about the alleged delay in delivering to him two telegrams about Poonamchand Ranka is under the consideration of Government and orders will be communicated to you in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 324 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for information with reference to his confidential letter No. 294, dated 10th April 1933.11

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 61 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 11th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A ' Class prisoner No. 8313 Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi (translation in English accompanies) for favour of perusal and further disposal.

The letter contains references to a female prisoner No. 7776 Mahendraben (Mrudulaben), and to other prisoners now in Yeravda Central Prison which are not permissible as per Rules.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

No. 327. of 1933

Poona, 12th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ; the letter may be delivered after the objectionable passages have been deleted.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col.I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return, retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 305 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 12th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M.G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2130

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 11th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell. Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 310, dated the 8th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter from Mr. Gandhi to Mr. Ghanshyamdas Birla and to state that it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 322 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to' the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for favour of action.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 288, dated 7th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYIE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

S. R. Chaubal.

Please return, retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 302 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

In. No. 559 dated 11th April 1933.
No. Confl. 298 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir.

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. 5, dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :

There is nothing special to report.
Mr. Gandhi is keeping very good health.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 319 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Pona, 11th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Bombay, 11th April 1933

From
G. R. Khan,
C/o. H. H. Aga Khan's Bungalow,
Nesbit Road, Mazagaon, Bombay;

To
The Secretary,
Home Department, Secretariat, Bombay.

Dear Sir,

I shall be very much obliged if you would kindly permit me and my Cousin Mr. I. S. Haji, Bar-at-Law to interview M. K. Gandhi in Yeravada Jail at Poona on the 22nd April 1933.

The object of interview is to consult him regarding the will of my late Father R. K. Khan, Bar-at-Law who died in Durban (South Africa) on 8th October 1932.

My father was a close friend of Mr. Gandhi and both of them were at one time practicing together in South Africa and knew each others affairs.

I undertake not to discuss any political or other matter excepting my father's and my personal matters, and I assure the interview will not take long.

I shall thank you very much for sending the necessary permits for me and Mr. Haji as early as possible, as I intend sailing for South Africa by the first available boat.
Thanking you in anticipation.

I remain,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) G. R. KHAN.

4, FERROZSHAH ROAD,
NEW DELHI
Dated 12th April 1933

My dear Sir,

I acknowledge your Demi-official Note of 10th April, 1933. I am afraid I was not able to explain properly the object I had in view, when I wrote to you my letter of the 7th April, and I take the liberty to write to you again in the matter. I wish to ask Mahatma Gandhi to write an article for me on the question of untouchability pure and simple, and how to remove it in India. When Mahatma Gandhi is free to discuss the question of untouchability with every one who cares to go to him in the Yeravda Jail ; and when he is free every week to contribute to the *Harijan* (a weekly paper) articles on untouchability, I find it difficult to understand that you will not be able to see your way to allow him to write an article on untouchability, and nothing but untouchability, for me. I trust now that I have made the matter quite clear, you will be able to grant my request and allow Mahatma Gandhi to write for me an article on untouchability.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) HAR BILAS SARDA.

Sir Harry Haig. K.C.S.I., etc.,
Home Member, Government of India, New Delhi.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2145
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 12th April 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 311, dated the 8th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter dated the 7th idem from Mr. Gandhi to Mr. C. F. Andrews and to say that it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 332 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 13th April 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 289, dated 7th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 312 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

OFFICE

Dated 15th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.11

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent

,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2158
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 12th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 309, dated the 8th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter dated the 16th March 1933 from Mr. C. F. Andrews to Mr. Gandhi and to state that it may be delivered. I am however to request that if Mr. Gandhi should send a reply to this letter, it should be referred to Government for orders.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 330 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 13th April 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 286, dated 7th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 311 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 15th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent

,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 326

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS
Bombay Presidency,
Poona, 12th April 1933

Dear Mr. Gandhi,

Reference your letter of the 11th instant.

The experiments that were undertaken *suo motu* by certain Superintendents to which you apparently refer—have not proved satisfactory. I therefore do not propose adopting hand spinning as a regular subsidiary jail industry.

Hand spinning is not recognised as either a religious or semi religious rite so no general orders concerning it from that point of view have been issued or are under contemplation. Special cases are considered on their merits—as has been the case in respect of those prisoners who made special personal requests to either this office or to Government.

Yours

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

To

Mr. M. K. Gandhi, Yeravda.

PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL
American Presbyterian Mission
Dated 12th April 1933

The Home Secretary to Government of Bombay.

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that permission for an interview with Mahatma Gandhi is obtained through you. I am an American, working as a medical missionary in a hospital in Ambala City, under the auspices of the American Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. I am to go on furlough this Spring, sailing from Bombay May fifth.

Would it be possible for me to have permission to meet Mahatma Gandhi sometime the first week in May ? My only reason for desiring such an interview

is that I know a great many questions will be asked to me in the U.S.A. about him and I should like to have some first hand information.

If you are willing to grant my request, will you be so good as to tell me what further steps I should take to carry out my plans.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) ELISABETH FARRA.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 300 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th April 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons visited State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 4th April 1933 to 10th April 1933 :

Name	Address
4th April 1933 (Tuesday) :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
P. S. Gopalan	Associated Press of India.
5th April 1933 (Wednesday) :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
6th April 1933 (Thursday) :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
A. V. Thakkar	Servants of India Society, Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Ramanlal	Servants of India Society, Poona.
T. H. Shah	Servants of India Society, Poona.

Name	Address
7th April 1933 (Friday) :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	
Jamnalal Bajaj	Wardha.
Jankidevi Bajaj	Wardha.
Dhananjaya Dani	Walkeshwar Road, Bombay.
Keshav Gandhi	R. B. Goondlal, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
A. Macray	<i>Times of India</i> , Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
A. V. Thakkar	Servants of India Society, Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
8th April 1933 (Saturday) :	
Jamnalal Bajaj	Wardha C. P.
Jankidevi Bajaj	Wardha C. P.
Nanu Pitho Jath	C/o Jamnalal Bajaj.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
V. G. Joshi	Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Sadashiv Laxman Soman	Belgaum Kelkarbag.
H. G. Phatak	650, Sadashiv, Poona.
10th April 1933 (Monday) :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	
Lallubhai Samaldas	Mubanabad, Andheri.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Bhimrao Dhanji	14B, Kamathipura, Poona Camp.
Miss Shakuntalabai	Dawayer Line No. 1943, Poona Camp.
A. Macray	<i>Times of India</i> , Poona.
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI.

Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent.
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 325 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 303 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 328 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS'
OFFICE
Poona, 13th April 1933

From

The Inspector-General of Prisons.
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, for favour of disposal a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 306 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13 th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a foreign Cable from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Mr. V. J. Patel, Care India Office, London, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison,

Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 329 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 13th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for favour of orders a foreign Cable from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Mr. V. J. Patel, Care India Office, London.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 304 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. S.D. 2191

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 13th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

Mr. G. R. Khan,
H. H. the Aga Khan's Bungalow,
Nesbit Road, Mazagon, Bombay.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 11th April 1933, I am directed to inform you that the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, has been instructed to permit you and Mr. I. S. Haji, Bar-at-Law, to interview Mr. Gandhi on the 22nd instant in connection with your father's will on the conditions mentioned in your letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 2192

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 15th April 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to
: —

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for information and guidance.

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency for information.

By order of the Governor in
Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

Letter No. Confl. 310 of 14th April 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

In continuation of this office Confidential No. 289, dated 7th April 1933, I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to Mr. C. F. Andrews, Birmingham, England, for favour of orders and information.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 334 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 15th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special), for information. Attention is invited to the post script by Mahadeo Desai.

Office note with reference to this office Confidential No. 311, dated 8th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. 593

17th April 1933

Copy of letter No. 313 (Confl.) dated 15th April 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

I have the honour to send herewith following three letters received for State prisoner M K. Gandhi for favour of orders.

- (1) From Mr. Raja, Tiruchengodu.
- (2) From Ghanashyamdas Birla, Gwalior.
- (3) From Mr. Harvey Bowman, Beatrice.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 340 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 17th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special) for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 2222
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 18th April

1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

Miss Elisabeth Farra, M.D., D.T.M. & H.,
Philadelphia Hospital,
American Presbyterian Mission, Ambala City.

Madam,

With reference to your letter dated the 12th April 1933, asking for an interview with Mr. M. K. Gandhi, I am directed to inform you that Government regret that they cannot accede to your request.

I have the honour to be,
Madam,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 2223
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 18th April 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to
: —
The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency-
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in
Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 316 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 18th April 1933

From
Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;
To
The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special), No. S.D. No. 5, dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

There is nothing special to report.
Mr. Gandhi is in very good health.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent

,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Through
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 341 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 18th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2221
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 18th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 329, dated the 14th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the cable from Mr. Gandhi to ' V. J. Patel, Care India Office, London' and to state that there is no objection to its being allowed to go on, but it should first be suggested to Mr. Gandhi that it would probably obtain speedier delivery if sent to Mr. Patel's address or that of a private friend. It may also be pointed out to him that it is reported in today's issue of the *Times of India* that Mr. Patel has left for Vienna.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of
Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 346 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 19th April 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.
This has a reference to his No. 306, dated 13th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/319 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 18th April 1933

My dear Doyle,

M. K. Gandhi and Vallabhbhai Patel had an interview on Saturday in my office with Vallabhbhai Patel's son and Mathuradas Tricumji. As they converse in Gujarathi the talk was unintelligible to me, though according to their word there were no politics or such like matters discussed.

I presume this is considered satisfactory. As far as I understand I am to take interviews when Vallabhbhai is present and it is other than as purely 'untouchable' interview, otherwise M. K. Gandhi has interviews by himself in his special 'Office Yard'. Personally I am afraid I see no difference practically and cannot conceive that family or personal matter have come into the untouchable interviews and I expect you agree with me. He might just as well have all interviews by himself for all the good my presence does. However if this is the procedure I will carry on it this manner. My object

in this letter is to put you ' *an fait*' with the situation as it strikes me so far, and incidentally not to have the course of taking his interviews if there was a possibility of avoiding them !! "

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. V.MARTIN.

To
Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2239
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 19th April 1933

From
R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 334, dated the 15th April 1933. I am directed to return herewith the letter dated the 13th idem from Mr. Gandhi to Mr. C. F. Andrews and to say that it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
to the Government of
Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 352 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS'
OFFICE
Poona, 20th April 1933

To
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his Confidential letter No 310, dated 14th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 322 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
21st April 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 318 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 19th April 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons visited State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, during the week from 11th April 1933 to 17th April 1933 :—

Name	Address
11th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. T.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.

Name	Address
120th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
Sarojini Naidu	Poona.
P. Kodandarao	Poona.
P. S. Gopdan	A. P. I.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
13th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Jiwanji D. Dcsai	Navajiwani Karyalaya, Bombay.
Kaka Kaleikar	Tilak Road, Poona.
P. S. Gopdan	A. P. I.
14th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Kikabhai Lavjibhai	Mirjapur, Ahmedabad.
Dudhabhai Trikamji	Saulanki, Jamalpur Khandvisher, Ahmedabad.
Kantilal Chandulal	Sarangpur, Ahmedabad.
Premabhai Mithabhai	Bardud.
15th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
B. J. Deorukhkar	Parel, Bombay.
S. K. Chandorkar	Bombay-Kurla Swadeshi Mills Chawl No. 3.
Mathuradas Trikamji	53, Mint Road, Fort, Bombay.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Arya Bhushan Press, Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
Marutidas K.	Bardoli.
Laxmiben	Bardoli.
Kamaladevi Haridas Gandhi	Desai Wadi, Agra Road, Ghatkopar.
Hirji Virji Thakkar	Desai Wadi, Agra Road. Ghatkopar.

Name	Address
15th April 1933— <i>contd.</i>	
Maganben Hirji Thakkar	Desai Wadi. Agra Road, Ghatkopar.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Hari Ganesh Phatak	650, Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Sudha Bhat	650, Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Yeshodabai Bhat	650, Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
D. V. Patil	Rama Niwas, Parekh Street, Bombay.
17th April 1933 :	
Chhaganlal P. Mehta	No. 2 Laburnum Road, Gamdevi, Bombay.
Ratilal M. Sheth	No. 2 Laburnum Road, Gamdevi, Bombay.
Kantilal A. Doshi	Pralhad Bhuwan, Ghatkopar.
Mrs. Padma Doshi	Pralhad Bhuwan, Ghatkopar.
Mrs. Lilavati Chhaganlal	Pralhad Bhuwan, Ghatkopar.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society.
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Valji Govindji Desai	Grant Road, Bombay.
Ambaben Govindji Desai	Grant Road. Bombay.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 350 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 20th April 1933

To
The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 2234
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 19th April 1933

To

Mr. Jadavji G. Thakar,
Opposite Custom House,
Cutch Anjar.

MEMORANDUM

With reference to his petition dated the 5th April 1933 addressed to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Jadavji G. Thakar is informed that his request for permission to see Mr. Gandhi cannot be granted.

By order of the Governor in Council,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 2235
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 19th April 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the petition to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to: —
The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency,
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

For information.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2245
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 19th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the three letters addressed to Mr. Gandhi which were received with your endorsement No. 340, dated the 17th April 1933, I am directed to inform you that they may be delivered. I am however to request that if Mr. Gandhi should send a reply to Mr. Harry Bowman's letter, it should be referred to Government for orders.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 351 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 20th April 1933

To

The Superintendent. Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of action as directed by Government.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 313 dated 15th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

No. C. 321 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 21st April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Below copies of : —

1. Demi-official letter from the Government of India, Home Department, No. D. 2707/33-Poll, dated the 22nd April 1933 and accompaniments.

2. Demi-official letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, No. S.D. 2364, dated the 28th April 1933.

3. Demi-official letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, No. D. 3016/33-Poll., dated the 5th May 1933 and accompaniment.

CONFIDENTIAL

Demi-official
No. S.D. 2526
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay, 8th May 1933

Forwarded with compliments to :—

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency;

The Superintendent. Yeravda Central Prison, for information.

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/321 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to the Secretary to Government of Bombay, Home Department, for favour of disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 349 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 20th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special) for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. C/323 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons.
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to No. S.D. 2158 dated the 12th April, 1933 from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to Mr. C. F. Andrews.

This is a reply to the letter which Mr. M. K. Gandhi received from Mr. Andrews.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 355 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 21st April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special) as requested.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2290
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 22nd April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 355, dated the 21st April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter dated the 21st idem from Mr. Gandhi to Mr. C. F. Andrews, and to say that it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 360 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 24th April 1933

To

The Superintendent. Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal. This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 323, dated 21st April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/326 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

D.O. No. D. 2707/33-Poll
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME DEPARTMENT

Simla, the 22nd April 1933

My dear Maxwell,

I am desired to forward for information, a copy of the correspondence noted on the margin, which has passed between Diwan Bahadur Har Bilas Sarda, M.L.A. and the Honourable the Home Member, from which you will see that the former wishes to be permitted to request Mr. Gandhi to write an article on the uplift of the untouchables to be included in the Commemoration Volume in connection with the Dayanand Ardha Shatabdi. The Government of India would be glad

to know whether the local Government see any objection to the proposal.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. G. HALLETT.

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department (Special).

To

Mahatma M. K. Gandhi,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Dear Mahatmaji,

The Dayanand Nirvana Ardha Shatabdi [the bi-centenary of the deceased (Nirvana) of Swami Dayanand Saraswati] the great Reformer and illustrious

founder of the Arya Samaj will be celebrated at Ajmer from the 14th to the 20th October, 1933. A Committee consisting of the Members of the Paropkarni Sabha (who are Trustees of the Swamiji), the Members of the Sarvadeshik (Arya Pratinidhi Sabha) (the all-India Arya Representative Assembly), and the Arya Pradeshik Sabha of the Punjab, has been constituted to celebrate the function in a fitting manner. The committee has decided to prepare and publish a Commemoration Volume in connection with the Ardha Shatabdi celebrations of the great Swami on the occasion.

2. The services of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati in the cause of Religion, Aryan Culture, and Moral and Social uplift of Mankind are too wellknown to require any special mention. His Veda Bhashya (Commentary on the Vedas) is a unique achievement and a monument of profound learning and scholarship. The Arya Samaj, which he founded in A.D. 1875 is the principal Reform Society in India and there are now 2,000 Arya Samajis in the whole of India, in Africa and in other countries. About 500 preachers, paid and honorary, are engaged in carrying its message far and wide. On the education side, the Arya Samaj is maintaining 23 Gurukulas for boys, three Gurukulas for girls, nine Colleges, about 200 High Schools and a very large number of minor schools. It also maintains many Orphanages and Widows Homes, etc.

Swami Dayanand Saraswati denounced the present system of hereditary castes, and raised his potent voice for the uplift of the depressed classes and the removal of untouchability. He pleaded very strongly for the Emancipation of women. His services to the revival of the study of the Vedas and of the Aryan Culture, which before his advent, had been altogether neglected, are unique. He threw open the portals of the Vedas and the Vedic religion to all mankind, irrespective of country, caste or creed, and thus restored Hindu Society to its pristine high estate and paved the way for the absorption of non-Hindus into the fold of Hindu Society. By his commentary on the Vedas, he demonstrated to the world that the Vedas teach the highest and purest form of Monotheism.

3. The projected Commemoration Volume will consist of three parts, namely, (a) messages of appreciation and tributes to the memory of the great Swami, (b) short anecdotes and incidents of his life, (c) short article on the subjects which have been indicated above and a list of which is appended. The list is, however, meant to be suggestive and not exhaustive.

4. As you are interested in and have sympathy with the reforms and activities which Swami Dayanand Saraswati inaugurated or supported, I approach you with a request to contribute to the projected volume, an article (not exceeding 4,000 words) on any of the subjects referred to above, which may best appeal to you.

5. In view of the fact, that the volume should be printed by the end of September, 1933, I shall feel much obliged, if your contribution can reach me before the middle of June, A.D. 1933. As there will be no time for sending

the proofs to you for correction, I shall feel grateful, if the manuscript is typed or written in a clear and legible hand.

The favour of a very early reply intimating the name of the subject selected by you and the approximate size of your article is requested.

With Esteem,
Your sincerely,

(Sd.) HAR BILAS SARDA.

List of subjects suggested

- (1) Appreciation of Swami Dayanand Saraswati.
- (2) Anecdotes of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, or incidents of his Life.
- (3) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Religious Teacher.
- (4) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as World Teacher.
- (5) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Nation builder.
- (6) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as Exponent of Vedic Monotheism.
- (7) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Vedic Scholar.
- (8) Swami Dayanand Saraswati's advocacy that the Vedas are open to all mankind irrespective of country, caste or creed.
- (9) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as an exponent of perfect harmony between the Vedic Religion and Modern Science.
- (10) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as founder of Arya Samaj.
- (11) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Social Reformer.
- (12) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Political thinker.
- (13) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as an Educationist.
- (14) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Protagonist of Brahmcharya.
- (15) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Yogi.
- (16) Swami Dayanand Saraswati as a Pioneer of Swadeshi.
- (17) Swami Dayanand Saraswati's work for the uplift of the Untouchables and Depressed classes.
- (18) Swami Dayanand Saraswati and the Caste-system.
- (19) Swami Dayanand Saraswati and the Emancipation of women.
- (20) Swami Dayanand Saraswati on Cow protection.
- (21) Swami Dayanand Saraswati's influence on eminent men of his time.
- (22) Swami Dayanand Saraswati's work in connection with the absorption of non-Hindus into Hindu society.
- (23) Swami Dayanand Saraswati's contribution to the Hindi language and literature.
- (24) Vedic Religion generally.
- (25) Aryan (Hindu) culture.
- (26) Greatness of Hindu thought.
- (27) High position of India among the countries of the world owing to its spiritual or intellectual achievements.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 325 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 23rd April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, to Mr. C. Rajgopalchari and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 361 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 24th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special), for favour of orders.

Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 65 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 24th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A ' Class prisoner No. 3313 Kasturba Gandhi (English translation of the Gujarati letter accompanies) to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of perusal and further disposal.

The last page written in Gujarati is a letter meant for four other persons and not for her husband. The idea is to send it to her husband who would probably send it in his correspondence to them. As this practice is not permissible as per Rules, it is suggested that the last page of this letter may kindly be withheld.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 367 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 25th April 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments.

The last page should be withheld as requested.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 337 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 26th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2297
HOME- DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 24th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your endorsement Nos. 313 and 318 dated, respectively, the 9th and 10th April 1933, with which were forwarded for the orders of Government two letters from Mr. Gandhi addressed to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, dated the 8th and 10th idem, complaining of the delay in the delivery of three letters and two telegrams addressed to him about prisoner Punamchand's fast.

2 In reply, I am to say that it appears from Mr. Gandhi's letters that he has misinterpreted the orders of Government contained in Government Letter No. S.D. 1997, dated the 30th March 1933, permitting him to send a telegram to ' Bachhraj, Wardha' about Punamchand, as giving him permission to correspond with third parties on the subject without restriction. Mr. Gandhi may be informed that his interpretation of the orders is incorrect, that those orders had reference to the particular telegram to ' Bachhraj, Wardha' and that the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, was thereforer fully justified in referring the correspondence in question to Government for orders. It should be added that Government consider it necessary that they should see any other letters which he may receive or propose to write in future about Punamchand before deciding whether they should be delivered. to him or allowed to go on to the addressees.

3. With reference to the exception taken by you to the use of the word 'explanation' in Mr. Gandhi's letter of the 10th instant, I am to say that, as pointed out above, Mr. Gandhi is evidently under a misapprehension in regard to the Superintendent's action in referring the correspondence in question to Government. Government therefore do not think it worthwhile to provoke further argument on that issue.

4. I am at the same time to refer to Mr. Gandhi's letter of the 12th instant forwarded with your letter No. 328, dated the 13th idem, in which he enquires, with reference to the orders issued in Government Letter No. S.D. 2111, dated the 10th instant, 'Does this mean that I am not now to exchange communications which I have hitherto carried on with prisoners in jails other than Yeravda, and that in cases such as Seth Punamchand's I am not to be permitted to offer friendly intervention?' I am to state that the latter point has already been disposed of by the orders in paragraph 1 above. As regards the first point, I am to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed that the orders in Government letter No. S.D. 2111, dated the 10th April 1933, are not intended to affect the concession hitherto allowed him of writing to other prisoners on matters unconnected with jail discipline and not otherwise objectionable, but that the delivery of such letters addressed to prisoners outside the Bombay Presidency is under the control of the local Government concerned.

5. In this connection I am to invite your attention to Government letter No. S.D. 2475, dated the 22nd March 1932, and to say that the orders issued therein authorising the Superintendent to withhold any letters which, on account of reference to political or jail matters or for other reasons, are considered to be objectionable should continue to be observed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department.

Send copy to Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for information and action.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

25th April 1933.

S. Dhavle.

134, HARRISON ROAD

Calcutta, 24th April 1933

Dear Bapuji,

I am fortunate enough to receive your kind note of the 18th instant. I am really sorry to learn that my first letter which I sent under registered cover

and one subsequent post card reminder did not reach you. In that letter I had very clearly explained my ideas to you. Now once more, I feel the necessity of troubling you with my original letter, which will speak for itself, that why your kind message is absolutely necessary.

Although I quite understand the gravity of your kind remark, yet I feel that your message will bring considerable strength to the cause I have taken up and shall give permanent life to it.

Your message will be just as a warrant of appointment and it shall be kept strictly confidential till the opening ceremony. It will only be read out to the public at that time by Dr. Tagore.

With my best respects to you.

I remain,
Yours obediently,
(Sd.) SATYAPAL DHAVLE.

To

Mahatma M. K. Gandhi,
C./o Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison,
Yeravda (Poona).

Below Government letter, Home Department (Political) No. S.D. 2297, (Confidential), dated 24th April 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 368 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 25th April 1933

To

The Superintends, Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and action. This has a reference to his confidential Nos. 294 and 303 dated 10th and 13th April 1933, respectively

(Sd.),.....
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/327 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 25th April 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department, (Special) No. S.D. 5, dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

Mr. M. K. Gandhi is in good health, weight 104 lbs. There is nothing particular to report. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar saw him on ' untouchability ' on 23rd April 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) K. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 373 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 25th April 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2318

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 25th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 349, dated the 20th instant, forwarding a letter, dated the 19th instant, from Mr. M. K. Gandhi regarding the delay in the disposal of the cable which he desired to send to Mr. V. J. Patel, I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed, in answer to his letter, that the jail authorities were correct in referring for the orders of Government a telegram in which he sought to make use of the services of the India Office and that delay in such cases is unavoidable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 384 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 27th April 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal as directed by Government.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 321, dated 20th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency,

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 342 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th April 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2312
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 25th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter dated the 22nd April 1933 from Mr. M. K. Gandhi to Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, which accompanied your endorsement No. 361 of the 24th idem, I am directed to state that it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 380 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 26th April 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.
Forwarded with compliments for necessary action.

This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 325, dated 23rd April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 339 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 27th April 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) E. E. Doyle.
27th April 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 335 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 26th April 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons interviewed State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 18th April to 24th April 1933.

Name	Address
18th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri, (Typist)	Poona.
Chhaganlal P. Mehta	No. 5 Laburnum Road, Gamdevi, Bombay.
Ratilal M. Shetli	No. 5 Laburnum Road, Gamdevi, Bombay.
Kantilal A. Doshi	Pralhad Bhuvan, Ghatkopar.
Mrs. Padma Doshi	Pralhad Bhuvan, Ghatkopar.
Mrs. Lilavati Chhaganlal	Pralhad Bhuvan, Ghatkopar.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Rajavatma Devdas Viratma	Viratma Bhawan, Benares.
Chandrashekhar Bhibra	Viratma Bhawan, Benares.

Name	Address
19th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri, (Typist)	
R. Shastri	Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
P. V. Thakersey	Parnakuti, Poona.
20th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri, (Typist)	
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
D. V. Patel	Bombay.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Charylla	Guntur.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
21st April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
S. M. Chavan	(Rewachand Fatehdo Building,
Miss Sonutai S. Chavan	Bunder Road, Karachi.)
Vithoba Kaloo Setti	Camp Karachi.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Poona.
Ramchandrarao Timanna	
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
22nd April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	
Narmada Bhuskute	Sadashiv Peth, Poona.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
I. S. Haji	11, High Court Chambers, Bombay.
G. R. Khare	H. H. Aga Khan's Bungalow.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Nila Nagini	Servants of India Society, Poona.
23rd April 1933 :	
B. R. Ambedkar	Damodar Hall, Parel, Bombay.
K. V. Chitre	Damodar Hall, Parel, Bombay.
S. S. More	483, Shanwar, Poona.
K. G. Shinde	245, Budhwar, Poona.
N. K. A. Shastri, (Typist)	
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
24th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri, (Typist)	Poona.
J. D. Dina Yappan	A. P. I.
P. S. Gopalan	Poona.

Name	Address
24th April 1933— <i>contd.</i>	
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Nila Nagini	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya	Servants of India Society, Poona.
P. Kodand Rao	

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
 Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 375 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 26th April 1933

To
 The Secretary to Government,
 Home Department (Special), Bombay.
 Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
 Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 377 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 26th April 1933

To
 The Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor of Bombay.

Sir,

In continuation of this office Confidential Letter No. 267 dated the 25th March 1933, I have the honour to forward herewith, for information the health report on State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.
 I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
 Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 378 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS OFFICE
Poona, 26th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,

Home Department (Political), Bombay. Copy together with the copy of the health report, forwarded with compliments for information in continuation of this office Confidential No. 268 dated 25th March 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 332 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 26th April 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison,
And
Lt.-Col. R. H. Candy, I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, Poona, in his memo No. S. 198-B dated 19th January 1932, we have the honour to state that we conjointly examined State prisoner Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi on 26th April 1933 and found him in good health.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
(Sd.) R V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.
(Sd.) R. H. CANDY,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 26th April 1933

My dear Verrier,

I was wondering why I had not heard from you for a long time. I am glad Shamrao is much better and that you were both overhauled by a first class doctor. Of course I shall trust you to give me faithful reports about your health and I am so glad that the intestinal ulcer and the enlarged spleen were pure inventions. I hope that your chicken-pox never became 'small' and that it is now entirely a thing of the past. I hope too that you found Mary quite happy and cheerful.

Love to you all from us all.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) BAPU.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 334 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

From

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from Bishop Francis J. McConnel, New York City and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

If Mr. Gandhi wants to send reply to this letter kindly inform me whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison,

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 374 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 26th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

TELEGRAM

Allahabad, 27th April 1933

To

Mahatma Gandhi, Central Prison, Poona.

Allahabad observing Dvivedi Mela fourth May in honour seventeenth Birthday Pandit Mahabirprasad Dvivedi father present day Hindusthani language its greatest writer function purely social literary. Malviyaji opening Hindi lovers joining from all-India. Pray for your blessing and message.

Sunderlal 56 Chak.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Poona, 27th April 1933

Dear friend,

I thank you for your long letter.

I had one visit from Miss Mayo when she was in India. I have read her book-and I wrote also a review on it which at that time had attracted considerable attention. It is my firm conviction that the book is filled with half-truths, innuendoes and deductions drawn from stray facts as if they represented a universal situation.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Harry Bowman Esq. Beatrice, Neb.

Poona, 28th April 1933

To

The Government of Bombay, Bombay.
Respected Sir,

I, the undersigned Ratilal Shivilal Nanavati beg to submit as follows.

I had gone today to Yeravda Central Jail to take an interview of Mr. M. K. Gandhi for taking his advise on the subjects as follows :—

(1) Removing untouchability from Hindu Society.

(2) Water, Air and Climate of Visapur Temporary Prison is bad or not suitable for prison and as such to appoint non-official Committee for investigation.

(3) Addition of Wheat and Rice in Jail diet for all the Prisons of Bombay Presidency.

The Jailer Mr. Kateli told me that I cannot get an interview of Mr. M. K. Gandhi on the ground that I am recently released from Visapur Temporary Prison and secondly I will be given an interview if I get the sanction of Bombay Government. I do not want to discuss anything on present civil disobedience movement.

Under these circumstances I request your honour to grant me permission for Mr. M. K. Gandhi's interview.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) RATILAL SHIVLAL NANAVATI.

Address :

Ratilal Shivilal Nanavati,
C/o. Jamnadas Broker,
Raghuwanshi Swadeshi Stores,
Budhawar Peth, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/341 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to No. S.D. 2245, dated 19th April 1933 from the Secretary to Government of Bombay, Home Department, I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to Mr. Harry Bowman.

This is a reply to the letter which Mr. Gandhi received from Mr. Harry Bowman.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 386 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 28th April 1933

To
The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
29th April 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

D.O. No. S.D. 2364
HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)
Bombay, 28th April 1933

With reference to your demi-official letter No. D. 2702/33-Poll, dated the 22nd instant regarding the request of Diwan Bahadur Har Bilas Sarda, M.L.A., for permission to approach Mr. Gandhi for an article on the uplift of the untouchables for inclusion in the Commemoration Volume to be published in connection with the Dayanand Ardh Shatabdi, I am desired to state that, provided that Mr. Gandhi's article is confined to the uplift of the untouchables, it appears to be covered by the concessions allowed to him by the Government

of India in regard to publicity on this subject, and that the Government of Bombay do not therefore see any objection to the proposal.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.

To

The Honourable Mr. M. G. Hallett, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 343 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 28th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to ' Father Elwin' and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 387 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 28th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,

Personal Assistant,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

for Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE

29th April 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 344 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 28th April 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from ' Sundarlal, 56 Chak, Allahabad ', and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 388 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 28th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL
Personal Assistant, Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 2396
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 29th April 1933

To

Mr. Ratilal Shivilal Nanavati, Poona.

MEMORANDUM

With reference to his letter dated the 28th April 1933 requesting permission for an interview with Mr. Gandhi, Mr. Ratilal Shivilal Nanavati is informed that his request cannot be granted.

By order of the Governor in Council,

C. F. Borges,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department (Political).

No. S.D. 2397
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 29th April 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to :—

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department (Political).

Extract from a letter for Mr. M. K. Gandhi from B. C. Roy.

' As regards the second para, of your letter, the position seems to be this; The caste Hindus in Bengal feel that if they had been asked (I understand that none were asked to be present at Bombay and the deputation from Bengal consisted of only four persons belonging to the so-called Depressed classes) to go to Bombay, they would have presented to the members of the Conference their point of view, which seems to be this; that in the Award of the Prime Minister no separate electorate in any shape or form for the depressed classes were prescribed and although the language used was vague the

impression was that the ten members representing the depressed class would come into legislature by joint electorate, that in Bengal there is no 'Untouchable' problem as we find elsewhere and therefore there need be no reservation of seats for them in Bengal in any shape or form, except for the very few (say about a million) who happen to be the real 'untouchables' of Bengal. They feel, therefore, that by any reservation of seats for these classes, there is likely to be a breach in the Hindu society. Their second point is that the system of election that has been accepted in the Poona Pact, is merely a form of separate electorate, which again, they aver, is against nationalism. They further feel that if the Poona pact remains, it would mean that the depressed class representation in Bengal (if for argument's sake the principle of reservation of seats be accepted) will soon exceed thirty, because they will not only get these seats reserved for them but in certain areas they would successfully contest ten or more seats meant for general constituencies. It is apprehended that at the second election after the new constitution is established, the number of so-called caste Hindus in the local Legislature will be reduced to less than forty, a contingency which the caste Hindus maintain, is neither in the interests of the caste Hindus themselves nor in the interests of the province as a whole. While the caste Hindus do not say that they hold a monopoly for wisdom and talent they feel that on account of forces over which neither the caste Hindus nor the depressed classes had control, the latter have not made such marked progress in education etc., as they should have done; the result is that if the caste Hindus get forty (i.e. less than one-sixty) of the total seats in the Legislature, the immediate efficiency of the Legislature would be lowered. I have met several of the prominent members who had met at the British Indian Association Hall the other day, and all they desire at the present moment is to come to some arrangement with the 'depressed classes' by discussion with them; and if possible alter the pact so far as Bengal is concerned, either by taking away the reservation of seats for the depressed classes altogether or by giving them a lesser number of seats by mutual arrangement. You will find enclosed a letter from Babu Rasik Lal Biswas to the Minister, in which he has agreed to meet the caste Hindus and discuss these points. It seems to me that at the present moment their main object is towards coming to a settlement with the depressed classes. I shall let you know the progress of events from time to time.

—(Bidhan Chandra Roy)

Copy of letter No. Confl. 345, dated 29th April 1933 from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

I have the honour to send herewith a letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, from Mr. S. Dhavle, 134, Harrison Road, Calcutta, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 389 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 29th April 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 346 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 29th April 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a book ' Gandhi *versus* The Empire' written by Haridas T. Muzumdar, and a letter received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from Universal Publishing Co., New York, N. Y. and to enquire whether these may be handed over to Mr. Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 405 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd May 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2389
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 29th April 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In returning herewith the letter dated the 26th instant from Mr. Gandhi to Father Elwin which accompanied your endorsement No. 387, of the 28th idem, I am to say that it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 393 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 1st May 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 343, dated 28th April 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 353 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 2nd May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2415
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 1st May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 388, dated the 28th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the telegram from 'Sundarlal, 56 Chak, Allahabad' addressed to Mr. Gandhi and to say that it may be delivered.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 396 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 2nd May 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of necessary action.

This has a reference to his confidential No. 344, dated 28th April 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 349 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 1st May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a book ' Bengal under Communal Award and Poona Pact' received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi and to enquire whether it may be delivered to him.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 404 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd May 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2444
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 2nd May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell. Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 389, dated the 29th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter, dated the 24th idem with its enclosures from Mr. S. Dhavle, Calcutta, addressed to Mr. Gandhi, and to say that, unless the original letter of 23rd March 1933, which is stated to have been sent under registered cover addressed to Mr. Gandhi and not to have been received by him, was detained by the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for any particular reasons of which Government are not aware, there is no objection to Mr. Dhavle's letter of the 24th April and its enclosures being delivered to Mr. Gandhi. I am to request that if the letter is delivered and Mr. Gandhi sends a reply to it, the reply should be referred to Government for orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 351 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 2nd May 1933

from

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

As directed in Home Department (Special) No. S.D. 5, dated 2nd January 1933, I have the honour to report as follows :—

The number of visitors on Untouchability for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the last week was smaller than the previous week but since he has declared his fast which is to commence from 8th May 1933 the number of visitors are increasing.

His health during the week was good. His weight is 103½ lbs.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 397 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 2nd May 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2419
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 2nd May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 386, dated the 28th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter, dated the 27th idem from Mr. Gandhi to Mr. Harry Bowman and to say that it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 402 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd May 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 341, dated 28th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 361 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 354 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) E.E. DOYLE
3rd May 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 357 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd May 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the following persons visited State prisoner M. K. Gandhi during the week from 25th April 1933 to 1st May 1933 :—

Name	Address
25th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
J. D. Devaiyappan	Poona.
Mathuradas Triakumji	53, Mint Road, Bombay.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.

Name	Address
25th April 1933— <i>contd.</i>	
Nila Nagini	Servants of India Society, Poona.
D. N. Bhadurji	Bombay.
26th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Nila Nagini	Servants of India Society, Poona.
G. Rajan	Cannanore, C. P. Subharao.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
27th April 1933 :	
N. K. A. Shastri (Typist)	Poona.
C. Sankara Nair	Gamdevi, Bombay.
Dr. Margarete Spiegel	Berlin.
C. P. Shukla	Parnakuti, Bombay.
R. Shastri	Poona.
Nila Nagini	Poona.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
28th April 1933 :	
C. Sankaran Nair	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Dr. Margarete Spiegel	Berlin.
Nayarajam	Briranyan Trichey District.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
N. M. Khare	Sabarmati.
Mrs. Laxmibai Khare	Sabarmati.
Bhuskute Narmada	Sabarmati.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
J. S. Barnes	Chief Representative (Reuters).
Dynaneshwara Shripad Shirsikar.	Aryangla Vaidyak Vidyalaya, Satara City.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Nila Nagini	Servants of India Society, Poona.
29th April 1933 :	
Har Bilas Sarda	C/o Sardar Muzumdar, M.L.A.
Sardar G. N. Muzumdar	187, Kasba, Poona-2.
C. S. Nair	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Dr. Margarete Spiegel	Berlin.
P. S. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Nila Nagini	Servants of India Society, Poona.
N. M. Khare	Satyagraha Ashrama, Sabarmati.
Mrs. Laxmibai Khare	Satyagraha Ashrama, Sabarmati.

Name	Address
30th April 1933 (Sunday) :	
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati.
1st May 1933 :	
Kaka Kalelkar	Tilak Road, Poona.
Alaben Pocha	8, Napier Road, Poona.
Devdas Gandhi	Sabarmati (Parnakuti).
Ramdas Gandhi	Sabarmati (Parnakuti).
R. Shastri	Servants of India Society, Poona.
P. Gopalan	A. P. I.
Dr. Margarete Spiegel	Berlin.
Nila Nagini	Servants of India Society, Poona.
G. Sankaran Nair	Servants of India Society, Poona.
Mathuradas Trikumji	58, Mint Road, Bombay.
S. Salivati	C/o Thoscot, Bombay.
A. Macray	Poona.
V. V. Apte	906, Sadashiv, Poona.
K. A. D. Navroji	C/o Lady Thakersey.
Narayan Nathu Sorte	Aryabhushan Press, Poona.
P. Cornelin	Coimbtore.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
 Lt.-Col. I.M.S.
 Superintendent,
 Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 408 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 3rd May 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
 Home Department (Special), Bombay.
 Forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
 Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of necessary action as directed by Government.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 345, dated the 29th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 403 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd May 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of necessary action as directed by Government.

This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 345, dated 29th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 362 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th May 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
4th May 1933

D.O. No. S.D. 3016/33-Poll

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Home Department

Simla, the 4th May 1933

My dear Diwan Bahadur,

I am desired to refer to the correspondence ending with your demi-official letter, dated the 12th April 1933, to the Honourable Home Member, and to say that the Government of India have no objection to your approaching Mr. Gandhi through the Superintendent of Yeravda Jail with the request to contribute an article on the uplift of the untouchables for inclusion in the commemoration Volume to be published in connection with the Dayanand Ardha Shatabdi, provided the request is made by a separate letter. They do not consider the printed circular letter form with the modifications proposed by you in your previous letter of the 7th April 1933 would be suitable for the purpose.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. G. HALLETT.

Diwan Bahadur Har Bilas Sarda M.L.A.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 365 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 5th May 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 5th May 1933

Dear Col. Doyle,

I would like, if you can give permission today, to write daily to and hear from Mrs. Gandhi, Shrimati Miraben (Slade) (Sabarmati) Shrimati Maniben Patel (Belgaum), Shrimati Vasumatiben Pandit (Thana). Sjt. Pyarelal (Nasik) and Sjt. Surendraji (Visapur), as I used to during the September fast. I have restrained myself upto now. But I know how anxious friends must be as Monday approaches.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

Bombay. 5 19/45 Ste. 34

To

Prisoners, Poona.

Permission has been given only to have interview with Gandhi on condition that it is confined to non-political subjects stop addressed to Superintendent Yeravda Central Prison repeated prisoners Poona.

Bombay Special.

S.D. 2496

No. D. 3016/33-Poll.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

HOME DEPARTMENT

Simla, the 5th May 1933

My dear Maxwell,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your demi-official letter No. S.D. 2364, dated the 28th April 1933, I am desired to enclose, for information, a copy of the reply which has been given to Diwan Bahadur Har Bilas Sarda, M.L.A.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. G. HALLETT.

To

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay.
Home Department (Special).

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2515
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 8th May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 404, dated the 3rd May 1933, I am directed to return herewith the pamphlet ' Bengal under Communal Award and Poona Pact' by Sir N. N. Sircar, Kt., Advocate General of Bengal, sent to Mr. Gandhi and to say that it may be delivered.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 415 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th May 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.
This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 349, dated 1st May 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 370 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2563
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 12th May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 405, dated the 3rd May 1933, regarding the book 'Gandhi *versus* The Empire' by Haridas T. Muzumdar sent to Mr. Gandhi by the Universal Publishing Company of New York, I am directed to inform you that the book has been prohibited entry into British India under the Sea Customs Act, of 1878 by Government of India, Finance Department (Central Revenues) Notification No. 24, dated the 6th May 1933, and that it should be withheld. It has been retained in this office.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 427 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 15th May 1933

To

The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information with reference to his Confidential letter No. 346, dated 29th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2658
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 17th May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 374, dated the 26th April 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter dated 31st March 1933 from Bishop Francis J. Mc Connell, New York City, to Mr. M. K. Gandhi, and to state that, as Mr. Gandhi is now released, the Government of India have directed that it should be delivered to him. I am to request that you will kindly arrange for its prompt delivery. This should not however be regarded as a precedent and other letters withheld should not be delivered.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Intimated by phone to Mr. Kaley, that the letter in question has been sent to M. K. Gandhi direct from this office on 18th May 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL.

No. 432 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 18th May 1933

MEMORANDUM

I am directed by Government to forward to you the attached letter. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

LADY VITHALDAS THAKERSY
Poona, 20th May 1933

Dear Colonel Doyle,

I am writing this to acknowledge your Memorandum No. 432 of 1933 dated the 18th instant together with the letter attached to it, which is addressed to Mahatma Gandhi.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) MATHURADAS.

Issue usual instruction.

(Sd.) 20th May 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/395 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd July 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. S. Candy, I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona,

and

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay, Poona, in his Memorandum, No. S. 198-B, dated 19th January 1932, we have the honour to state that we conjointly examined State prisoner Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel on 3rd July 1933 and found him in good health.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

(Sd.) R. S. CANDY,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 495 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 3rd July 1933

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Private Secretary
to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay,
Government House, Ganeshkhind.

Sir,

In continuation of this office Confidential letter No. 377 dated 26th April 1933, I have the honour to forward herewith, for information, the health report on State prisoner Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. 496 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd July 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.

Copy together with the copy of the health report forwarded with compliments for information in continuation of this office Confidential No. 378 dated 26th April 1933.

(Sd.) E. R. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary, Home Department, (Special) for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
16th April 1933.

TELEGRAM

Dated the 19th July 1933

From

Gandhi, Sabarmati ;

To

Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Poona.

Would like whilst here see Mirabai Slade prisoner Sabarmati instead weekly letter she is permitted write and receive reply kindly wire reply.

TELEGRAM

No. S.D. 3563.cdated the 20th July 1933

From

Bombay Home, Poona ;

To

M. K. Gandhi, Ashram, Sabarmati.
Interview with Miss Slade permitted. Prison authorities informed.

TELEGRAM

From

Bombay Home, Poona ;

To

Superintendent, Ahmedabad Central Prison, Sabarmati.

M. K. Gandhi may be allowed special interview with prisoner Miss Slade in lieu of her weekly letter and reply.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 83 of 1933

AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 21st July 1933

From

Major R. T. Advani, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram No. S.D. 3564, dated 20th instant, I have the honour to report that Mr. M. K. Gandhi was granted an interview with the ' A ' Class female prisoner No. 8296 Miss Slade today in my presence.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Ahmedabad Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

(Sd.) E. E. Doyle.

Below copy of (1) telegram dated the 19th July 1933 from Mr. Gandhi,
(2) telegram No. S.D. 3563, dated the 20th July, to Mr. Gandhi, Sabarmati,
(3) telegram No. S.D. 3564, dated the 20th July 1933, to the Superintendent, Ahmedabad Central Prison, Sabarmati.

No. S.D. 3565
HOME DEPARTMENT
Poona, 20th July 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

By order of the Governor in Council,
(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department (Political).

For information.

No. 1494 of 1932
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON
Dated 25th/26th July 1932

Noted and returned with compliments.

I shall be glad to have your interpretation of the rule referred to.

I suppose the specific orders now required to be obtained refer to cases in which a high caste prisoner requests to be allowed to do conservancy work.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

No. 11609 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 29th July 1932

Returned with compliments.

Your supposition is correct. You will in future refer all such requests to Head Office in the first instance.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

No. 1538 of 1932
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th August 1932

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 348 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 30th April 1933

From The Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda ;

To The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi to 'Secretary, Home Department, Simla ' for favour of disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL
IMMEDIATE

No. 390 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona. 30th April 1933

To The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col.-I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
30th April 1933

Secretary,

Home Department, Simla. For reasons wholly unconnected with Government and solely connected with Harijan movement and obedience peremptory call from within received about midnight I have to take twenty-one days unconditional inevitable fast with water soda and salt beginning from noon eighth May next ending noon twenty-ninth May stop Fast might have commenced at once but for my being prisoner and my anxiety to enable local authority receive necessary instructions

for arrangements during fast and avoid all possible embarrassment to Government.

GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 350 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 1st May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith three telegrams from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to (1) Mr. Satisdas Gupta, Calcutta, (2) Urmiladevi, Calcutta, and (3) Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj, and to enquire whether they may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

URGENT

No. 395 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 1st May 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
2nd May 1933.

Copy of Telegram from Mr. Gandhi to Satisdas Gupta, 15, College Square, Calcutta.

' You Hemprabha continue programme without interruption God my companion during fast'.

BAPU.

Copy of telegram from Mr. Gandhi to Urmila Devi, 24, Rameshmitter Road, Bhawanipur (Calcutta).

' You must not worry over impending fast why no letter.'

BAPU.

Copy of telegram from Mr. Gandhi to Sheth Jamnalalji Shaila Ashram, Almoda.

' You must not disturb programme rest for impending fast hope progressing.

BAPU.

Clear the Line Message

Please communicate immediately following message to Inspector-General of Prisons. Begins. Government of India desire opinion of Medical Officer of jail on probable effect of fast on Gandhi's physical condition. Please consult and telephone me tomorrow.

Bombay Special.

Received midnight.

1st May 1933.

TELEGRAM

CAPE TOWN

Dated 1st May 1933

To

Mahatma Gandhi,
Yeravda Jail, Poona (India).

740 : Following telegram has been sent to me by General Smuts in his private capacity for transmission to you begins. May I appeal to you most earnestly to delay your announced fast your work for removal of untouchability has already achieved measure of success which exceeds highest expectations with patience. You may yet carry complete accomplishment of greatest reform of our time moreover India stands on threshold of new period which makes your wise guidance in future more essential than ever before stop endangering your life might lead to dreadful calamity and irreparable setback at most critical moment stop I appeal for old friendships sake and for great

causes you have championed so successfully ends in forwarding this telegram wish on my own behalf and I feel sure of on behalf Indian community in South Africa to endorse sentiment expressed by General Smuts.

MAHARAJ SINGH,
Agent of Government of India.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 67 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 1st May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by ' A ' Class prisoner No. 8296 Miss Slade (Miraben) to State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for favour of perusal and further disposal.

On page 19 of the letter, there is a reference regarding her taking part in the movement for the removal of untouchability amongst Hindus.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 400 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd May 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for delivery.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 359 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

VERY URGENT

Poona, 2nd May 1933

Dear Doyle,

I send you herewith a copy of a ' Clear the line ' Code message received by me last night from Bombay (Special), I might mention that as you are absent from Poona, I have also given a copy of the message to Martin.

Your sincerely,
(Sd.)

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2440
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 2nd May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E, I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 395, dated the 1st May 1933, I am directed to return herewith the three telegrams from Mr. Gandhi addressed to (1) Satisdas Gupta, Calcutta, (2) Urmiladevi, Calcutta, and (3) Sheth Jamnalalji, Almoda, and to say that they may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 401 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd May 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

This has a reference to his confidential letter No. 350, dated 1st May 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 360 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
4th May 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 352 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 2nd May 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from Maharajsing, Agent of Government of India, Capetown, and to enquire whether it may be delivered to the addressee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 398 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 2nd May 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
2nd May 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 2458
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 3rd May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 398, dated the 2nd May 1933, I am directed to return herewith the telegram from ' Maharaj Singh, Agent of Government of India, Cape Town ', addressed to Mr. Gandhi and to say that it may be delivered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL
URGENT

No. 409 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 4th May 1933

To

The Superintendent,rf
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of delivery to Mr. Gandhi

This has a reference to his Confidential letter No. 352, dated 2nd May 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 364 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 5th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 356 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd May 1933

From
Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a telegram from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to Miraben Slade, prisoner, Ahmedabad Central Prison, and to enquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 407 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd May 1933

Returned with compliments.
This may be allowed to be sent.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 363 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th May 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS
BOMBAY PRESIDENCY
Poona, 3rd May 1933

My dear Maxwell,

In continuation of our conversation by telephone today and in confirmation of the same, I am sending you in writing the suggestions etc. I there made in connection with the contemplated fast by State prisoner Gandhi.

1. As Government will be held to be responsible that everything possible is done to prolong Mr. Gandhi's life—even though the fast is voluntarily undertaken, I consider that all interviews, except those of a very urgent nature and those with his relations should be stopped on medical grounds from the date and time the fast commences. If Mr. Gandhi specially desires to see anybody, ordinarily not objectionable to Government the interview may be permitted. This step I consider absolutely necessary if his strength is to be conserved.

2. I would also suggest that it would be very helpful to the Medical Officer incharge of the Jail if he were assisted in his responsibility by (a) The Civil Surgeon, Poona, (b) By a private practitioner of standing. This latter's presence would allay public agitation and prevent wild rumours gaining circulation and credence. I suggest that Dr. Gilder, M.D., M.L.C., Bombay, be asked if he would be prepared to collaborate with the two other Medical Officers—as he did on the occasion of Mr. Gandhi's last fast. Daily bulletins, signed by all three Medical Officers would be an authoritative statement and useful to Government in more ways than one.

3. I propose moving Mr. Gandhi to the yard where he was during the last fast, and only permitting those prisoners selected as his 'sick attendants' to be with him. I would gather that State prisoner Vallabhabhai Patel was not included in this category. Mahadev Desai is due for release on the 18th May.

4. On the previous occasion Mrs. Gandhi was, as she is now, a prisoner in Ahmedabad Central Prison. She was moved to Poona by order of Government. I consider a repetition of this courtesy would weigh heavily with the public in Government's favour.

5. Mrs. Naidu was of very great assistance to the Jail authorities during the last fast helping with the nursing and in keeping away undesirable visitors. She was also able to some extent to get Mr. Gandhi to be reasonable in respect of the numbers of people he desired to see, for in spite of everything said to the contrary—he loves a gallery. I therefore suggest that as this lady is in Poona, she be specially allowed to visit Mr. Gandhi in jail during his fast as I am convinced that she will be of the greatest assistance to the Jail staff.

6. If it is decided to release Mr. Gandhi I suggest that early arrangements be made so that there will be a Medical Officer to whom charge of his case

can be handed over. Dr. Gilder may be prepared to take over charge or he may be in a position to suggest a doctor or doctors who would be agreeable to take this responsibility. This is absolutely necessary as Government cannot just release Gandhi and take no further responsibility.

7. I understand that arrangements have been made for suitable accommodation for Mr. Gandhi in this contingency. MacLachlan will be communicating details. I consider the site selected suitable from the jail point of view— and I think there will be enough room for even a resident Medical Officer if one is necessary.

8. On the last occasion, music was permitted by the then Home Member to Mr. Gandhi. He had an instrumentalist from the City. There have been so many unusual concessions granted, that I do not suppose there will be any objection to a similar request being gratified on this occasion also. This will complete the Gilbertian touch—it would be a pity to spoil the ship for a haporth of tar.

9. Lastly I do not anticipate that there will be any very serious change in Mr. Gandhi's general health till after the tenth day. On the last occasion he collapsed about the 6th day but then he was interviewing delegations all day and late into the night and had the uncertainty and worry as additional factors to contend against. This time these will be absent—so I do not think the danger zone will be entered till about the tenth day of the fast.

I shall be glad if you will let me know Government's opinion and policy on the points raised.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

No. of 1933
Poona, 3rd May 1933

To

D. MacLachlan, Esquire, I.C.S., J.P.,
District Magistrate, Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information.

Lt. Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

D.O. No. SD. 2478
HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)
Bombay, 4th May 1933

My dear Doyle,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, I am desired to say that the question as to how Mr. Gandhi should be dealt with in view of his

proposed fast is still under the consideration of Government and that pending final decision the arrangements proposed by you are provisionally approved.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Dated 6th May 1933

Dear Surendraji,

Ramdas told me that you had tears in your eyes when he conveyed my message to you. I am sure that in your eyes there cannot be any tears but of joy. There was no way out of this fast and this was the auspicious occasion. It seems to me impossible to destroy the hydra-headed demon like the untouchability by any other means. Ravan had ten heads only but this demon has a thousand. It is not necessary to explain to you what these thousand heads are. It is impossible to bring about its permanent destruction by ordinary, time-honoured means. We must, therefore, per force, resort to ancient, valuable weapons. This is as clear to me as a mathematical axiom. Is it possible to change the heart of Sanatanists by collecting a crore of rupees ? Only a true votary can bring about this reform and not hundreds of so-called ones. The Ashram through which I am hoping to overcome this evil must not stand divided on this question. Harijans are in mortal dread at present. Those who have given up fear have become shameless. If these latter run into a fury, there is no surprise. To destroy all these evils we cannot too often and too determindly draw on our spiritual possessions. If it is God's pleasure that I alone can bring about this desired end, I shall only be too pleased for such a sacrifice but I am not sure that I have so much of purity in me. If hundreds and thousands of persons like me can undertake as many fasts, then alone we can bury the sin that has accumulated through centuries.

I expect a lot from you and people like you. But I must make one thing clear that no one must follow me during my fast. Your duty is to remain peaceful and try to be as pure as possible in mind, deed and word. This letter has been written by Mahadeo and he will continue to do so every day. I shall sign it as long as it is possible for me to do so. I have obtained Government's permission that I can write to you every day and so also you can.

My blessings to all.

(Sd.) BAPUJI.

SECRET

No. S.D. 2506
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 6th May 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison, Poona.

Subject.—Release of Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for necessary action an order of the Governor in Council of today's date and a copy of a Resolution No. S.D. 2505 of the same date regarding the release of Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi who is at present detained in the Yeravda Central Prison as a State prisoner under Bombay Regulation XXV of 1827. I am to state that you will receive instructions from the Inspector-General of Prisons as regards the time and manner of release and the time when Mr. Gandhi should be informed of it. I am to add that should Mr. Gandhi not commence his fast on the 8th May no action should be taken on the accompanying order, which should in that case be returned to Government for cancellation and issue of further orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 2507
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 6th May 1933

Copy, together with copies of the enclosures, forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

By order of the Governor in Council,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 2505

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 6th May 1933

RESOLUTION

The Governor in Council is pleased to cancel with effect from the 9th May 1933 the orders passed in his Resolution No. S.D. 15, dated the 3rd January 1932, directing that Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi shall be placed under restraint in the Yeravda Central Prison during the pleasure of Government.

The Governor in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that the Warrant dated the 3rd January 1932 addressed to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, directing him to receive Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi into his custody and to deal with him in conformity with the orders of the Governor in Council and the provisions of Bombay Regulation XXV of 1827 shall be cancelled with effect from the 9th May 1933 and that Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi shall be released from custody.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department.

Order

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

The Governor in Council is hereby pleased to cancel with effect from the 9th May 1933 the Warrant dated the 3rd January 1932 addressed to you and to direct you to release from your custody Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi who is at present kept under restraint in the Yeravda Central Prison as a State prisoner under Bombay Regulation XXV of 1827.

Dated at Bombay Castle this 6th day of May 1933.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 7th May 1933

My dear Doyle,

M. K. Gandhi objects to going to the other yard today unless they can all go including Vallabhbhai Patel. I suggested that he should go today and

argue about it later. So he said he would go, but would go alone, and would not take any attendant with him and would stay in the yard alone.

Then I asked what his intentions had been and whether he was going to move in the morning and said he was intending to move at 11-30 a.m. and would then go without Vallabhbhai—I suggested that this be permitted and that I tell him later tomorrow that you will come and see him (in the evening or no specific time) to discuss the question of Vallabhbhai in the Yard with him. His silence commences at 11-30 and ends 11-30 tomorrow.

May I expect you at 7 p.m. or 7-30 p.m. to discuss the above points with him.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 369 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th May 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. H. Candy, I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona,

And

Lt. Col. R. V. Martin,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

We have the honour to report that we have today examined Mr. M. K. Gandhi and find :—

Today is his day of silence.

His weight is 102 lbs. that is an increase of $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. during the last 5 days.

His general condition is satisfactory.

His blood pressure is systolic 165. Diastolic 120.

His pulse rate is 68 per minute.

Urine Examination :—

Reaction	Alkaline.
Sp. Gravity	1006
Sugar	Nil.
Albumen	Nil.
Phosphates	Present.

The thoracic and abdominal viscera appear to be normal.
Mentally he is in good spirits.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
(Sd.) R. H. CANADY,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona.
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Send copy of this to Secretary, Home Department (Special), for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
8th May 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 410 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th May 1933

To
The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Copy forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1582 of 1933
TEMPORARY PRISON OFFICE
Visapur, 8th May 1933

From
The Superintendent,
Visapur Temporary Prison ;
To
The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a translation of a letter, received for a prisoner in this Prison from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

The latter in the last para of his letter, states that he has obtained Government's permission to write and receive a letter daily.

Your orders are solicited.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.).....,
Superintendent,
Visapur Temporary Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 414 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th May 1933

Returned with compliments.

This letter and any subsequent numbers during the past may be delivered to the prisoner concerned, who may write as requested. However copies of both incoming and outgoing letters should be kept ; any doubtful ones being referred to this office for orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

No. 1606 of 1933
Visapur, 11th May 1933

Returned with compliments.

(Sd.).....
Superintendent,
Visapur Temporary Prison.
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
12th May 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 711 of 1933
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON
Dated 9th May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that prisoner No. 1783, Pandurang Mahadev Bapat has commenced to fast from yesterday the 8th instant (afternoon), in sympathy with Mr. Gandhi.

He is in good condition today.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,

Superintendent,

Ratnagiri District Prison.

No. 6339 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 10th May 1933

MEMORANDUM

The letters/post-cards from Mr. Gandhi should be delivered to the person concerned *during Mr. Gandhi's fast*. During the same period *only* replies may be permitted from the addressee to Mr. Gandhi.

Copies of all incoming and outgoing letters should however be kept.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent, A. C. P. (1 post card).

The Superintendent, B. C. P. (1 post card).

The Superintendent, N. R. C. P. (1 post card).

The Superintendent, Thana, D. P. (1 post card).

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

Sabarmati.

16/30

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Reply Pol Prisons

Mrs. Gandhi and Miraben understand from Mr. Gandhi they can write to him daily. Kindly inform if daily correspondence should be allowed to them.

CENTRAL JAIL.

Reply

Central Jail, Sabarmati.

Answer in affirmative please see orders already issued.

PRISONS.
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Poona, 12th May 1933

From

P. M. Bapat,
Convict No. 1783,
Ratnagiri District Prison ;

To

The Home Member,
Bombay Government, Bombay.

Sir,

I am fasting with Mahatma Gandhi as before on religious and spiritual grounds. As before I am to break my fast with him, or with my death or with his death.

I beg to request you to disallow forcible feeding in my case.

I remain,

Sir,

Yours most humble prisoner,
(Sd.) P. M. BAPAT.

No. 731 of 1933

RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON

Dated 10th May 1933

Wednesday, 10th May 1933.

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona, for favour of disposal.

2. Definite instructions may please be issued as to whether forcible feeding should be resorted to in such cases of fasting. Government of India's letter No. F. 207-XX, dated 23rd October 1932, forwarded under Head Office endorsement No. 1455 dated 27th November 1932 refer to cases of hunger strike, and I am not sure whether persons observing fasts should be treated in the same way as hunger strikers.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 730 of 1933
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON
Dated 10th May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In continuation of this office No. 711 dated 9th May 1933, I have the honour to report that another prisoner No. 1844, Vithal Mahadeo Paranjpe has commenced to fast from the 8th instant (afternoon), in sympathy with Mr. Gandhi.

He is in good condition today.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

To

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and guidance with reference to his endorsement No. 731 dated the 10/11th May 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Inspector-General of Prisons.
No. 932 of f 1933
Karwar, 12th May 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

From

The Superintendent,
Karwar District Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that 62 Civil Disobedience prisoners have observed fast today and they are going to break the fast tomorrow morning.

One prisoner No. 2523, Timmanna Parmayya Hegdekatte intends fasting for an indefinite period.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.).....
L.M. & S., B.M.S.,
Superintendent
Karwar District Prison.
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
15th May 1933

For information.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 376 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that prisoner No. 21750, Motilal Rawji whose details are given in the accompanying roll is refusing food and observing silence since his admission into this Prison on 9th May 1933 from the Arthur Road Prison, Bombay.

He writes to say that he has taken a vow not to speak unto death and not to take any food till 30th May 1933 in sympathy with Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

He is kept in separate cell and his health is good.

Statement given by the prisoner is attached herewith.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Send copy of this to Government for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
13th May 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 423 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 13th May 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Nominal Roll of Prisoner confined in the Yeravda Central Prison

Prison/Jail

Serial No.	Register No.	Name	Age	Health	Crime	Sentence and date		Result of Appeal	Previous Convictions	Conduct and remarks as to how often punished in Jail, and by what mode of punishment
						Sentence	Date of sentence			
		" C " Class								Sentencing Court
1	21750	Motilal Raoji Caste Jain	27	--	(1)Sec. 17(1) C. L. A. Act.	6 months R. I.	5th May 1933	Not appeal-ed.	Nil	3rd P. M., Bombay.
					(2) Sec. 17(2) C. L. A. Act.	12 months R. I.	Do.			

(Sd.) A. E. KATELY,
Jailor,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Dear Sir,

I have taken a vow of silence from 2nd March 1932 until my death, so that I can spend the whole life in prayer of God. Thus my silence is for religious purpose.

My fast will end on 30th May 1933. I have begun it for untouchability after Mahatma Gandhiji.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) MOTILAL RAWJI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 375 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 13th May 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

With reference to Government, Home Department (Political), No. S.D. 2505, dated the 6th May 1933, I have the honour to return herewith the original copy of the warrant of Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi who was released from this Prison on 8th May 1933 at 8-45 p.m.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

No. 424 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 13th May 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 422 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 13th May 1933

To

The Secretary,
Home Department (Special).

Forwarded with compliments for information and orders.

Refusal in Jail to take the food provided can, I think, be regarded as hunger strike and as nothing else. In which case resort must be had to forcible feeding.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

D.O. No. 33
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Bombay Presidency
Poona, 15th May 1933

Dear Mr. Gandhi,

I have received the papers of Yesu Ishwara Patil, and find that premature release in his case was considered by Government in October 1931, but refused. His previous history is very bad. He was one of a gang that was in the habit of committing murders of persons related to the gang and foisting the onus of these murders on to their enemies.

Under the circumstances I regret my inability to do anything further in his case at present.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

To

M. K. Gandhi, Esq.,
Parnakuti, Poona.

C/o Lady Vithaldas Thakersey
Poona, 15th May 1933

Dear Colonel Doyle,

I am enclosing under instructions of Gandhiji a letter addressed to Dr. Jivraj Mehta who is for the present in Bijapur Prison. I hope you will arrange to forward it to him and instruct the Bijapur Prison authorities to allow Dr. Mehta to receive and reply to letters from him and oblige.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) MATHOORADAS.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 748 of 1933
 RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON OFFICE
 Dated 16th May 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector General of Prisons, Poona.

Today is the 8th day of the fast. Prisoner Bapat's health is fair considering that his general health prior to the commencement of the fast was not robust. He has lost 13¹/₂ lbs. in eight days (his weight this morning is 86¹/₂ lbs.).

He is a person of considerable importance in this Presidency. So orders are solicited from Head Office as to whether his body may be handed over to his friends and relatives in the event of death.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
 Superintendent,
 Ratnagiri District Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 434 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 19th May 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary, Home Department (Special) for favour of orders.

I see no reason why any of these requests should be granted. It would be encouraging hunger-strikes in prisons.

Prisoner Bapat has deliberately broken Jail rules by refusing food and therefore should forfeit all privileges.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
 Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 429 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 16th May 1933

MEMORANDUM

The attached letter written on behalf of Mr. Gandhi may be delivered to prisoner Jivraj Mehta who may be permitted to send a reply to Mr. Gandhi.

Copies of all such correspondence should be retained of both incoming and outgoing letters to enable this Department to answer any questions that may be asked later.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,
Bijapur District Prison.

No. D.O. 34 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th May 1933

Dear Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee,

I have sent on your letter on behalf of Mr. Gandhi addressed to Dr. Jivraj Mehta with instructions to the Superintendent to allow Dr. Mehta to send a reply. You will understand however that I cannot issue a blank cheque in respect of letters that do not bear Mr. Gandhi's signature and general instructions cannot be issued in respect of such letters.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

To

Mathooradas Tricumjee, Esq.,
C/o Lady Vithaldas
Thakersey, Poona.

C/o Lady Vithaldas Thakersey
Poona, 17th May 1933

Dear Colonel Doyle,

I thank you for your D.O. No. 34 of the 16th instant. I am enclosing today a letter for Dr. Jivraj Mehta signed by Gandhiji. I believe it will be now in order and his signature will not be necessary on subsequent letters to Dr. Mehta.

2. I am also enclosing one letter for Sjt. Kishorlal Mashruvala who is in Nasik Road Prison and one for Sjt. Kantilal Gandhi, grandson of Gandhiji who is very recently sentenced and is lodged I believe in the Sabarmati Prison. Both those letters are endorsed by Gandhiji. I will be obliged if you arrange to forward those to their respective destinations with necessary instructions.

3. I placed today before Gandhiji your D.O. No. 33 regarding Yesu Patil (Prisoner) I thank you on his behalf for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

Yours sincerely,
MATHOORADAS TRICUMJEE

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1720-3
HOME DEPARTMENT
Bombay Castle, 18th May 1933

From

J. C. Bolton, Esquire,
Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 422, dated the 13th May 1933 about the fast observed by the prisoner P. M. Bapat in the Ratnagiri District Prison, I am directed to state that the Governor in Council agrees with you that refusal in Jail to take the food provided should be regarded as hunger-strike and that in that case resort must be had to forcible feeding.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) J. C. BOLTON,
Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 436 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 19th May 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and guidance with reference to his endorsement No. 731 dated 10/11th May 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

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Reply paid Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

Please instruct Superintendent, Ratnagiri prison permit Vichy Water for Bapat during fast.

WAMAN BAPAT.

No. 769 of 1933

Ratnagiri, 18th May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that some persons interested in prisoner Bapat's health have enquired whether Vichy Water if supplied by them will be issued to the prisoner. I may kindly be informed whether there is any objection.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,

Superintendent,

Ratnagiri District Prison.

No. 6845 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 19th May 1933

Returned with compliments.

Hunger striking no matter for what reason is not encouraged in Jails. I therefore see no reason to modify the orders on hunger strike already issued.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,

Inspector General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency,

To

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

Sir,

We learn that Mr. Pandurang Mahadeo Bapat, who is undergoing sentence in the Ratnagiri District Prison, is observing a twenty-one days fast. Owing

to his old age and frail physique, Mr. Bapat, we fear, may not survive this prolonged suffering. Mr. Bapat being a ' C' class prisoner, his sons are allowed to interview him every three months, according to the jail rules. But at this critical time the presence of Mr. Bapat's sons by his side is an urgent necessity. On behalf of his minor sons, we therefore request you kindly to grant them permission to see their father before he loses consciousness, and to see him again if necessary.

Another request we have to make in our own behalf and on behalf of his sons is that in case Mr. Bapat unfortunately dies, his body may be kindly delivered to us for cremation according to Hindu rites.

We hope that both our prayers will be granted, having in view the urgency of the matter. We join in this as next friends of Mr. Bapat, as his children are minors and strangers to this place.

We remain,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) V. K. BHAGWAT,
Advocate.

(Sd.) M. D. JOSHI,
B.A. LL.B., Pleader.

(Sd.) R. R. BAPAT,
B.A. LL.B., Pleader.

Ratnagiri, 16th May 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1983 of 1933
Dated 18th May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Bijapur District Prison ;

To

the Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your Confidential letter No. 429 dated the 16th instant I have the honour to state that the letter forwarded therewith was delivered to prisoner Jivraj Mehta and his reply to it is enclosed herein.

In this connection I would request you to kindly let me know whether the replies should in future be forwarded through your office or they may be despatched direct, duly censored.

I may mention that copies of all such letters are being kept in this office as suggested by you.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.).....
 Superintendent,
 Bijapur District Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 435 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 19th May 1933

Returned with compliments.

After copies have been made. The originals may be disposed of direct.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
 Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

No. 6802 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 18th May 1933

MEMORANDUM

The letters from Mr. Gandhi should be delivered to the person concerned *during Mr. Gandhi's fast*. During the same period *only* replies may be permitted from the addressee to Mr. Gandhi.

Copies of all incoming and outgoing letters should however be kept.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
 Lt.Col. I.M.S.,
 Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,
 Bijapur District Prison :—Dr. Jivraj Mehta.
 Northern Region Central Prison :—Kishorlal Mashruvala.
 A. Central Prison :—Kantilal Harilal Gandhi.

C/o Lady Vithaldas Thakersey,
Poona, 20th May 1933

Dear Colonel Doyle,

I am enclosing a letter for Mrs. Bhakatiben Gopaldas who is a prisoner at the Yeravda Central Prison. It is endorsed by Gandhiji. I will be obliged if the same is forwarded to the Yeravda Prison authorities with necessary instructions to enable her to receive from and write letters to Gandhiji.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) MATHOORADAS.

No. 6970 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 20th May 1933

MEMORANDUM

The letters from Mr. Gandhi should be delivered to the person concerned *during Mr. Gandhi's fast*. During the same period *only* replies may be permitted from the addressee to Mr. Gandhi.

Copies of all incoming and outgoing letters should however be kept.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Mrs. Bhaktiben Gopaldas.

No. 2031 of 1933
Dated 20th May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Bijapur District Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No. 6802 dated the 18th instant, I have the honour to state that the letter forwarded with your above mentioned

memo was delivered to prisoner Jivraj Mehta and his reply thereto is attached herewith, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.).....,
Superintendent,
Bijapur District Prison.

Send this to addressee,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
22nd May 1933

No. 7071 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 22nd May 1933

Returned with compliments.

2. The reply should, in future, be sent *direct* after keeping copy of letter.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
for Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return.

No. 2100 of 1933
BIJAPUR PRISON OFFICE,
Dated 24th May 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.).....
Superintendent,
Bijapur District Prison.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 2037 of 1933
BIJAPUR PRISON OFFICE
Dated 21st May 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

(Sd.).....
Superintendent,
Bijapur District Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1720/3 of 1933
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 22nd May 1933

From

J. C. Bolton, Esquire,
Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Subject.—*Hunger strike:*

Bapat, P.M., disposal of dead body in the event of death.
(Fast).

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 434, dated the 19th May 1933, about prisoner P. M. Bapat at present confined in the Ratnagiri District Prison, I am directed by the Governor in Council to state that the minor sons of the prisoner may be allowed to see their father if the prisoner continues his fast to the point of entering the danger zone.

(2) If the prisoner dies, the body should be handed over as usual on application to the Superintendent unless the District Magistrate, Ratnagiri, is of the opinion that this will occasion demonstrations or other trouble. If this seems probable arrangements for cremation should be made within the prison or some place where no trouble or demonstration is likely to occur.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) J. C. BOLTON,

Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 1720/3 of 1933
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 22nd May 1933

Copies forwarded with compliments for information to— The District Magistrate, Ratnagiri,

The Superintendent, Ratnagiri District Prison,
(With reference to his endorsement No. 748, dated the 16th May 1933).

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) J. C. BOLTON,
Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
26th May 1933.

280, Sadashiv Peth, Poona,
Dated 23rd May 1933

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

Sir,

I beg to you that my brother Mr. P. M. Bapat who is fasting in Ratnagiri jail is not in a good condition as yet. This time you may give the permission to see only. I am coming from Parner District, Nagar with my old mother 80 years old. One interview is to be taken on 11th May with his two children and two friends. As a favour you may kindly give the permission to see him. I am also going to Ratnagiri today. Please address your reply as soon as possible. Hoping a favourable reply from you. Mr. Bhavé also coming with me ; he is brother-in-law of Mr. P. M. Bapat.

Waiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) NARAYAN MAHADEO BAPAT.

(Sd.) D. M. BHAVE.

Address :—D. M. Bhavé,
C/o Balvant Press, Ratnagiri.

For Orders.

One is brother and the other is brother-in-law of Bapat who is observing fast at Ratnagiri. If the interview is to be sanctioned this application may be forwarded direct, to Ratnagiri Press.

P. A.

Fasting as you are probably aware is a prison offence and as such carries with it loss of privileges.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

*TELEGRAM (STATE)**EXPRESS*

Name : Dr. V. D. Pathak.

Address : Lady Thakersey Bungalow, Poona.

1720/3, Your telephone message requesting permission to medically attend prisoner Bapat. Government regret unable to grant your request.

Home Secretary,

(Sd.) D. O. FLYNN,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

Home Department.

Bombay, dated 25th May 1933.

No. 1720/3 of 1933

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Bombay Castle, 25th May 1933

Copies forwarded with compliments for information to :

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

The District Magistrate, Ratnagiri.

The Superintendent, Ratnagiri District Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) D. O. FLYNN,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

Home Department.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. Doyle,

29th June 1933.

Words.

Ratnagiri City 25 16 35

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Received here at 16 H. 40 M.

Colonel Doyle Prison Borstal School Dharwar.

Bapat my father serious kindly permit interview.

WAMAN BAPAT.

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

Words

POONA CITY 24 17 20

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Received here at 18 H 32 M.

Col. Doyle Prison, C/o Borstal School, Dharwar.

Bapat serious Ratnagiri Jail Government Phoned me to intimate you I as personal friend hope to induce him take necessary medical aid resistance to forcible feeding may cause heart failure hence request you grant me permission to interview with his children and give medical aid along with jail Superintendent—Doctor.

V. D. PHATAK, Poona City.

C/o Lady Vithaldas Thakersey

Poona, 24th May 1933

Dear Colonel Doyle,

I am enclosing a letter for Sjt. Shankar Kalelkar who is today in Yeravda Central Prison. It is endorsed by Gandhiji. I hope you will forward it to the Prison authorities with necessary instructions and oblige.

Yours sincerely,

MATHOORADAS TRICUMJEE.

N.B. :— S. K's No. is 19493 M.T.

No. 7141 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 24th May 1933

MEMORANDUM

The letter from Mr. Gandhi should be delivered to the person concerned during Mr. Gandhi's fast. During the same period only replies may be permitted from the addressee to Mr. Gandhi.

Copies of all incoming and outgoing letters should however be kept.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,

Personal Assistant,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

for Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

Docket Sheet (B)

Subject.—*Mr. M. K. Gandhi:*

Request made by Mr. Mahadev Desai for return of with held articles.

Home Department (Special Branch).

CONFIDENTIALNo. 813 of 1933
Ratnagiri, 26th May 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that prisoner No. 1783, P. M. Bapat appeared to be entering the dangerous zone yesterday as he showed dematious swellings on his face, legs, feet. I therefore told him that I was going to give him a nasal feed with or without his consent. He thereupon agreed to break his fast and took some fruit juice and milk yesterday. His condition today is satisfactory.

Prisoner No. 1844—Mr. V. M. Paranjape is still keeping his fast, and is in a fair state of health.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE.

Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

For information

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
29th May 1933PARNAKUTI
Poona, 27th June 1933

Dear Major Martin.

Major Bhandari, as Superintendent of Yeravda Jail, before you, withheld a number of letters, books and other articles addressed to Mr. Gandhi and kept them in his custody to be delivered to Mr. Gandhi when he was released.

I take it that you have also withheld some letters, books, etc., addressed to Mr. Gandhi. I would request you, on behalf of Mr. Gandhi, to have all the articles so withheld, delivered to him at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) MAHADEV DESAI

To

Major Martin,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

No. C/392 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 28th June 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Press, Poona, for favour of orders. There are many books, papers, letters etc. withheld both under Government orders and by the Superintendent.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 489 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 28th June 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders. I take it, as these are really the property of Mr. Gandhi there will be no objection to the request being granted.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt. Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

How are withheld articles usually disposed of under the rules after a prisoners release ?

(Sd.) R. M. M.
29th June 1933.

HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)

Please see Secretary's note in pencil on page 1 ante. There do not appear to be any definite instructions in the Jail Manual regarding the disposal of withheld articles after a prisoner's release. Rule 912 provides that the Jailer is responsible for the safe custody and due delivery, on release, of all property, not dealt with under Rules 919 and 926, brought by a prisoner into a prison or received there on his account. Rule 919 refers to sale or delivery of property to the prisoner's friends with the former's consent and Rule 926 refers to forfeiture of property found on a prisoner after being searched on admission. Provision is made in Rule 909 for destruction of 'obscene pictures or literature, tobacco, snuff, opium or any other drug or liquor'. Rule 466 provides that letters which a prisoner is not entitled under the rules to receive and are withheld should be delivered to him on release unless they are 'improper or objectionable'. This rule is the most relevant, but as the rules in the Jail Manual do not apply to State prisoners, we need not necessarily be guided by them.

2. There is no provision in the Bombay Regulation regarding the disposal of articles withheld from a State prisoner during his detention. Mr. Gandhi however raised the point in his letter of the 13th July 1932, in connection with the censorship of his letters, in which he asked 'will the letters and parcels withheld from me be treated as my property and cared for and delivered to me whenever I may be discharged'. The Inspector-General of Prisons, who was then consulted unofficially regarding the disposal of the withheld articles on the occasion of the release of Mr. Gandhi in 1931, reported that 'certain letters, pamphlets, and magazines which were considered by the Superintendent to be objectionable were destroyed. The remainder were handed over to the State prisoner on his release'. Secretary (Mr. Clee) ordered that 'The same practice may be followed this time and he (Mr. Gandhi) may be informed accordingly'. No official orders were issued as Mr. Clee stated that action as directed in his note had been taken by the Inspector-General of Prisons.

3. The Government of India however in their recent Express Letter No. D. 296/33-Pol., dated 15th May 1933, regarding the delivery to Mr. Gandhi of the letter from Bishop McConnel inviting him to the Chicago World Fellowship, which had been withheld, have directed that 'this should not be regarded as a precedent and other letters withheld need not be delivered.' The Inspector-General of Prisons was informed accordingly in our letter No. S.D. 2658, dated 17th May 1933 and as a result none of the withheld articles appear to have been handed over to Mr. Gandhi at the time of his release. In view, however, of the specific request now made by Mr. Mahadev Desai, and the fact that Mr. Gandhi was informed that the procedure of 1931 would be followed, it seems that, before arriving at a decision, we should explain to the Government of India the facts and obtain their orders. The

Inspector-General of Prisons may perhaps see these papers unofficially in the first instance and may be asked to give us a general idea of the number and nature of letters and other articles that have been withheld and which of them he proposes to be destroyed and which returned.

4. The following letters and books which were referred to us were not returned to the Inspector-General of Prisons—

(1) A book in Japanese entitled 'A New Review of Asia' by the Black Dragon Society which the D. I. B. reported contained objectionable matter. The book was ordered to be detained under section 26 (7) of the Post Office Act. The book was sent to the Commissioner of Police.

(2) An autographed copy of a book entitled 'That strange little Brown man Gandhi' by F. B. Fisher. The book was sent to the Government of India who on our recommendation prohibited its entry under section 19 of the Sea Customs Act. The book is with the Government of India.

(3) A complimentary copy of a book entitled 'Gandhi *versus* the Empire' by H. T. Muzumdar which was sent to Mr. Gandhi by the Universal Publishing Co., of New York. The Government of India of their own accord prohibited its entry under section 19 of the Sea Customs Act just about the time when the book was received, and it was accordingly withheld and is on our records.

(4) Two letters—one from Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas and the other from Mr. Rohit Mehta about the discontinuance of the c. d. o. Movement. The *senders* were informed that the letters could not be delivered they are on our records.

(5) A letter from prisoner Patwardhan regarding conservancy work. Both the prisoner and Mr. Gandhi were informed of its detention.

None of the above books and letters need be returned in any case.

Secy. 30.6.

Para. 4.—Mr. Gandhi is not entitled to receive the prohibited books (1), (2), (3). The two letters in item (4) are not on the same footing. Rohit Mehta's was not allowed to be sent, so Mr. Gandhi cannot claim it as withheld from him. But Jamnadas' letter was withheld after receipt at Yeravda, so he can get it if other withheld correspondence is to be delivered. I think item (5) comes in the same category.

Generally Mr. Gandhi cannot claim delivery of prohibited stuff. Proscribed literature, forfeited books or those held up under Postal or Customs Acts. It is necessary to see how much of this sort of stuff has been withheld without destruction.

As regards other communications which have been withheld, can general particulars be given? Perhaps the material has been classified according to reasons for withholding or some other basis which would help to describe it if we write to the Government of India.

Inspector-General of Prisons may see u. o. for such information as he can give on these points.

(Sd.) R. M. M.

30th June.

Inspector-General of Prisons.

U. O. R. No. 872, (Inward), dated 3rd July 1933.

U. O. R. No. S. D. 3297—dated 1st July 1933.

Please see the Superintendent's (Yeravda Central Prison) remarks, in his letter attached.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

U. O. R. No. 498, dated 4th July 1933.

Below unofficial reference No. S.D. 3297, dated 1st July 1933 from Government in the Home Department (Special), Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 494 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 3rd July 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Please see attached unofficial reference and kindly let me have the information Government requires *vide* A and preceding notes.

(Sd.),

Lt-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

No. C. 397 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 4th July 1933

Returned with compliments.

There is a large shelf full of withheld articles—I would estimate not less than 200 letters. It is difficult to say on what definite grounds these have been withheld, but on looking through a few, I find references to non-cooperation, requests from America and other countries for views on different points, political and otherwise. The pamphlets are very numerous, and on

such subjects as " Gandhi's English Tour " in different Indian—languages— " Christ and Gandhi" other books and pamphlets of the same nature too innumerable to give details of. News papers and cuttings from newspapers giving political news and remarks etc. etc. I regret I can give no better description as it would take days to classify and study the material here, practically all of which was withheld when Major Bhandari was Superintendent.

(Sd.) R.V.MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3375
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 6th July 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 489, dated the 28th June 1933, regarding the request made by Mr. Mahadev Desai to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, on behalf of Mr. Gandhi, to arrange for the delivery to the latter of all articles withheld during his detention in the Prison, I am to ask that you will direct the Superintendent to sort out the material, destroy what is objectionable and keep the remainder ready for delivery to Mr. Gandhi. Orders regarding delivery will be sent later.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 499 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 7th July 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for action according to the instructions issued by Government.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/398 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 8th July 1933

Returned with compliments.

Presumably this applies to the letters etc. which have withheld by the Superintendent. Kindly state what is to be done with those withheld under orders of Government.

Obtain instructions from Superintendent, Home Department (Political), Poona.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

9th July 1933.

(Sd.) R.V.MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/398 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 8th July 1933

Presumably this applies to the letters etc. which have been withheld by the Superintendent. Kindly state what is to be done with those withheld under orders of Government.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 501 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 10th July 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of instructions with reference to Government, Home Department, Confidential letter No. S.D. 3375, dated 6th July 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3529
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 19th July 1933

From

R. M. Maxell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. S.D. 3375, dated the 6th July 1933, I am directed to state that you may now authorise the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, to arrange to deliver to Mr. Gandhi the *unobjectionable* articles withheld during his detention in the prison.

2. With reference to your endorsement No. 501, dated the 10th instant, I am to state that the articles withheld under the orders of Government should be disposed of as follows :—

Description of article	Reference to Government letter ordering detention.	Orders of disposal.
1. Letter dated 25th March 1932 from 'Hemprabha' Khadi Pratisthan, Sodpur, and its enclosure.	No. S. D. 3040, dated 18th April 1932.	May be delivered.
2. Letter dated 29th August 1932 from the Secretary, All-Bengal Namasudra Youngmen's Association, Hatiara, Faridpur.	No. S. D. 5839, dated 10th September 1932.	<i>Should be destroyed.</i>

Description of article	Reference to Government letter ordering detention.	Orders of disposal
3. Letter dated 6th September 1932 from Mr. H. K. Hales, Calcutta.	No. S. D. 5909, dated 15th September 1932.	May be delivered.
4. Telegram dated October 1932 from Dr. Syed Mahmud, Allahabad.	No. S. D. 6811, dated 1st November 1932.	May be delivered.
5. Letter dated 16th November 1932 from Mr. Harold K. Hales, Calcutta.	No. S. D. 7192, dated 23rd November 1932.	May be delivered.
6. Letter dated 20th November 1932 from Mr. Harold K. Hales, Calcutta.	No. S. D. 7211, dated 24th November 1932.	May be delivered.
7. Letter dated 8th December 1932 from W. T. Halai, Maouj Ashram and its enclosure.	No. S. D. 7579, dated 14th December 1932.	May be delivered.
8. Letter dated 27th January 1933 from prisoner Appa Patwardhan, Ratnagiri District Prison (herewith returned).	No. S. D. 524, dated 6th February 1933.	May be delivered.
9. Note from the Secretary of the Untouchability League, Nawabshah.	S. D. 600, dated 10th February 1933.	Should be <i>destroyed</i> .
10. Letter dated 12th February 1933 from Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Bombay (herewith returned)	No. S. D. 734, dated 21st February 1933.	May be delivered.
11. Telegram dated 8th March 1933 from "Sarma, Assembly Member, New Delhi."	No. S. D. 1064, dated 11th March 1933.	May be delivered.
12. Letter dated 4th March 1933 from Vasanji Mulji, Bombay.	No. S. D. 1064, dated 11th March 1933.	May be delivered.
13. Letter dated 8th March 1933 from Dhanavati Ranka.	No. S. D. 1153, dated 16th March 1933.	<i>Should be destroyed.</i>
14. Letter dated 10th March 1933 from A. R. Tijaray, Nagpur City.	No. S. D. 1153, dated 16th March 1933.	<i>Should be destroyed.</i>
15. Telegram dated 13th March 1933 from the President, Marwari Yuvak Mandal, Yeotmal.	No. S. D. 1210, dated 20th March 1933.	<i>Should be destroyed.</i>
16. Telegram dated 18th March 1933 from Dhanavati Ranka, Nagpur.	No. S. D. 1235, dated 21st March 1933.	<i>Should be destroyed.</i>
17. Letter dated 15th March 1933 from Vice President, All-Bengal Depressed Classes Federation, Calcutta.	No. S. D. 1271, dated 23rd March 1933.	May be delivered.
18. Letter dated 14th March 1933 from Khandkar Md. Zakaria, Salar.	No. S. D. 1271, dated 23rd March 1933.	May be delivered.
19. Book entitled " Gandhi Versus. The Empire" by Haridas T. Muzumdar sent by the Universal Publishing Co. of New York.	No. S. D. 2563, dated 12th May 1933.	<i>Should not be delivered</i> Retained by Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 511 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 19th July 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments with reference to his Confidential No. C/398, dated 8th July 1933.

These should be disposed of according to the orders of Government now issued.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/406 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 31st July 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy of notes on Government endorsement, Home Department, No. 3175/ 3, dated 27th June 1933.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Submitted.

The Deputy Secretary, Mr. Clee, before recording his note, dated 4th July 1933, asked office orally to ascertain from the H.D. whether certain expenditure incurred by this Government on a set of false teeth for Mr. Gandhi was re-imbursed to use by the Government of India, and whether the total expenditure incurred by the Local Government on State prisoners is being reimbursed from Central Revenues.

Inquiry was made in the H. D. but that office now intimates that records on the subject are in camp office with the H. D. (Special), which may be

consulted. The papers may therefore be referred u.o. to the H. D. (Special) to furnish the information required by the D. S.

Id. D.D.A.

12th July 1933.

H. D. (Spl.) may show the papers to D. S. (Mr. Clee) in Poona, if that Department has no objection.

(Id.) B.N.P.,
12/7

U.R. to H.D. (Special), dated 12th July 1933.

H. D.

It will be seen from Government letter No. 1975/3, dated 17th February 1933, that the charge for the dental treatment of Mr. Gandhi was met from the provision for ' Hospital Charges ' under 25-Jails and Convict Settlements—Jails " and it was borne by this Government. The allowances granted to Messrs. Gandhi and V. J. Patel are met from the Central Revenues, *vide* G.R., P.D. No. 8904, dated 18th March 1933.

*Paper in H. D. (Proper) p. 19 of File 1975/3.

P. 53 of File 7374/2.

(Through S. B.)

Id. S. H.

20th July 1933.

Id. N. S. W.

21st July 1933.

Secretary.

H. D. (Special).

The charge for the dental treatment of Mr. Gandhi was clearly debitable to Central Revenues and the question of its reimbursement from Central Revenues should, it seems, be taken up with the Government of India.

2. Finance Department also wants to know whether the total expenditure incurred by the local Government on State prisoners is being reimbursed from central revenues. This point has not been answered fully in the Home Department (Proper) note above. So far as Special Branch is aware, there are no State prisoners belonging to other Provinces in jails in this presidency. Vallabhbhai Patel is the only State prisoner at present under the Bombay Regulation. All charges on account of his maintenance are met from the allowance of Rs. 100 sanctioned by Government and the same procedure was followed when Mr. Gandhi was under detention. As pointed

out in the H. D. (Proper) note above, the charges on account of the allowances have been debited to central revenues.

Id. E. L. V.
22nd July 1933.

Id. H. R.
22nd July 1933.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.
22nd July 1933.

U.O.R. to F. D., dated 25th July 1933.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Submitted with reference to the office note, dated 12th July 1933.

2. The H. D. (Proper) may be requested unofficially to take up with the Government of India the question of reimbursement from central revenues of charges which may have been debited to the head " 25-Jails " on account of State prisoners, as suggested in para 1, p. 6 of the note by the H. D. (Special) dated 22nd July 1933, and keep this department informed about the developments and result of the question.

3. These papers may be submitted to Secretary for information before they are referred to the H. D. (Proper).

Id. D.D.A.
29th July 1933.
D. S.

Id. B.N. P.
31st July 1933.

Secretary.

Id. C.B.B.C.
1st August 1933.

U.O.R. to the Home Department, dated 2nd August 1933.

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

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Prisons Poona

Letter received transfer being arranged

Central Prison.

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File.
(Sd.) E.E.DOYLE,
28th July 1933.

SECRET

No. S.D. 3775
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 2nd August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The District Magistrate, Poona.

Sir,

I am to say that the Governor in Council proposes to issue an order under section 4 of the Bombay Special (Emergency) Powers Act, 1932, for service on M. K. Gandhi, a detenu under section 3 at the Yeravda Central Prison at the time of his release. The order which it is proposed to serve will contain directions of the nature specified in the accompaniment to this letter. I am therefore to request you to proceed to the Yeravda Central Prison on the 3rd August and there to make or cause to be made a record in writing of any statement which the detenu M. K. Gandhi desires to make with reference to the proposed order and to forward to me immediately the record in writing of the statement for the consideration of the Governor in Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

SECRET

No. S.D. 3776
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 2nd August 1933

Copies, without accompaniment, forwarded to :—

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
The Commissioner, Central Division.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 85 of 1933
AHMEDABAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Sabarmati, 2nd August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter written by " A " Class female prisoner No. 8296 Miss Slade for Detenu M. K. Gandhi. In my opinion the following passage is not permissible as per rules.

Page (3) Her intention to work in the movement with all her might after her release.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. T. ADVANI,
Major I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Ahmedabad Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 526 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd August 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders regarding disposal.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/413 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a telegram from Charlie, London addressed to Detenue M. K. Gandhi for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 523 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd August 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

L. C. Mahatma Gandhi

After prolonged prayerful consideration starting marseilles tomorrow. Please take no irrevocable step.

CHARLIE.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/412 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from Detenue M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, Poona, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 524 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd August 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political).

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 3rd August 1933

Dear Sir,

What purports to be an authentic report in the " Times of India " dated the 2nd instant says that I am to be released after being served with an order which will restrict my movements to Poona and preclude any activities connected with the Civil Disobedience Movement. It then goes on : ' Should

he ignore this order he will be rearrested.' If the report be true, I would like to say, in order to save Government possible unnecessary embarrassment, and to conserve my energy, which I am still regaining since the breaking of the fast, that in accordance with my belief in civil disobedience, I shall be unable to conform to the order reported to be under contemplation. If the object be to secure my conviction I have no doubt that the sweeping powers possessed by Government enable them to do so without going through the vexatious procedure described in the above mentioned report.

I gratefully observe that Government have kept Sjt. Mahadev Desai with me. He therefore desires to me to say that civil disobedience is as much a life principle with him as with me, and that he can no more refrain than I can from preaching or practising it.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department.

Original letter sent to Government.

3rd August 1933.

Remarks of the Inspector-General of Prisons in the Despatch Book of Yeravda Central Prison.
Received at 12-20 hours.

Please report action taken on the delay in delivery.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3796

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 3rd August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 523 of today's date, I am directed to return herewith the telegram from " Charlie", London, to Mr. Gandhi, and to state that it may be delivered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,
for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, for action. This correspondence should be returned for record.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

No. C/419 of 1933

YEARVADA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 4th August 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
t.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) E. E. Doyle.
4th August 1933.

As at
IMPERIAL CITIZENSHIP ASSOCIATION
235, Hornby Road,
Bombay, 3rd August 1933

Dear Sir,

I am coming out to India by the P. & O.S.S. Cathay arriving Bombay on August 17th. If Mr. Gandhi is under arrest or imprisoned may I ask from you permission to see him before going North. I am sending this by air mail to reach you before my arrival.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. F. ANDREWS.

No. C/416 of 1933
Yeravda, 4th August 1933.

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Central Prison Office.

Sir,

In accordance to Government, Home Department No. S.D. 3810, dated 4th August 1933, forwarding two release orders Nos. S.D. 3804 and S.D. 3805 of date in the case of detenus Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Mahadev Haribhai Desai I have the honour to report that the detenus have this day been released at 9-5 a.m.

Government order No. 3806 of date has been served on Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and order No. S.D. 3808 of date served on Mahadev Haribhai Desai immediately before their release.

Orders under section 4 have been handed over to both of them, and there signatures have been taken on, the duplicate orders which have this day been sent to the District Magistrate, Poona as directed.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Through

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 527 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 4th August 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.
Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.).....,

Lt.-Col, I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL
URGENT

No. C. 420 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from under trial prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 528 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 4th August 1933

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 4th August 1933

Dear Sir,

On the day of my admission to the Ahmedabad Central Prison, I applied through its Superintendent for permission to resume anti-untouchability work as before my late fast. There is no reply to it as yet. Government know that I have been controlling the policy of the weekly newspaper *Harijan* and its Gujarathi edition, and partly also the Hindi edition. This is only the part of the anti-untouchability work I am doing in fulfilment of my promise to myself and the Harijans as an integral part of the Yeravda pact. This work may not be interrupted except at the peril of my life. I would therefore esteem a reply by Monday next, so as to enable me to attend the next week's *Harijan* and to deal with certain important matters that were left pending at the time of my arrest.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3812

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 4th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 526, dated the 3rd August 1933, I am directed to return herewith the letter from female prisoner Miss Slade to Mr. M. K. Gandhi, and to state that it may be delivered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 530 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 4th August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of further disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniment.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/424 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th August 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the accompaniment.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL
URGENT

No. C/421 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 5th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to request for urgent orders on the following points in connection with prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi sentenced to one year simple imprisonment on 4th August 1933 and given Class 'A'.

I enclose also a letter the prisoner has written to me on the same subject.

1. *Rations*.—This prisoner's requirements are not in accordance with the articles of diet as laid down for ' A and B ' Class prisoners. He does not wish to supplement his own diet, and I therefore request that I may be informed whether he should be supplied with those articles he requires as given here tofore, and if so in what way the account should be adjusted.

2. *Correspondence*.—Under the rules he is entitled to receive and write two letters per week.

I may please be informed as to what is to be done with the masses of correspondence and Newspapers which are already accumulating for him, and which continue to arrive by every mail.

This prisoner also has usually many letters and telegrams he desires to send, what should be done in these cases.

3. What newspapers are to be given to the prisoner and at whose expense.

4. *Harijan* editors are demanding interviews. Kindly state what reply should be given.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt. Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3833

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 5th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 2nd August 1933 and to your endorsement No. 528, dated the 4th August 1933, forwarding letters from Mr. M. K. Gandhi to the Superintendent of the Ahmedabad Central Prison and to Government, respectively, in which he requests the grant of facilities

to enable him to resume his anti-untouchability work, I am directed to state that Mr. Gandhi should be informed that his request is under consideration and that it will not be possible to give him a reply by Monday next.

(2) In returning herewith the telegram dated the 31st July from Gurdit Singh Dara, Oxford, which accompanied your letter of the 2nd August and which was received while Mr. Gandhi was a detenu under section 3 of the Bombay Special (Emergency) Powers Act, 1932, I am to say that, in accordance with clause 7 of Government Circular in the Home Department No. 205/3, dated the 27th January 1932, the telegram should be withheld and Mr. Gandhi informed of the fact.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3849

HOME DEPARTMENT

Poona, 6th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to his letter (copy attached) of the 6th August 1933 addressed to Government in which Mr. Gandhi requests permission (1) to see Mr. Anand Hingorani or Mr. Kalelkar in connection with next week's issue of the *Harijan* newspaper, (2) to reply to a letter received by him from Dr. Tagore about the Poona Pact, and (3) to write to Mr. Vinoba of the Wardha Ashram, Miss Mary Barr, Nila Nagini Devi, Dr. Margarete Spiegel and Mr. Duncan Greenless, I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed as follows.

(2) *First request.*—He is allowed *one* interview with *one* of the persons mentioned in order to hand him manuscripts and give oral instructions. It should be explained to Mr. Gandhi, however, that, pending orders on his general request under consideration, this permission is granted under clause (1) of Rule 454 of the Bombay Jail Manual which allows a newly admitted prisoner one or two interviews for the purpose of settling his

private affairs, and that it cannot be repeated unless Government decide to grant him special facilities for carrying on this work.

3. *Second request.*—As Dr. Tagore's letter (herewith returned) appears to have reached Mr. Gandhi before his conviction, he is allowed to answer it, but, unless his reply is confined to a bare acknowledgement, it will have to count as the fortnightly letter to which he is entitled as an 'A' Class prisoner.

4. *Third request.*—There is no provision for such correspondence in the rules governing the treatment of prisoners, and Government regret that they are unable to grant this request as an additional facility. Mr. Gandhi can, however, make any of the persons named the addressee of a fortnightly letter which he is entitled to write as an 'A' Class prisoner.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Copy sent to Col. Martin on 7th August 1933.

6th August 1933

Dear Sir,

Government's reply that my request for permission to resume anti-untouchability work is under consideration but that decision cannot be given by Monday next has been just conveyed to me (10 a.m.).

In thanking Government for the reply, I would like to state that there are three matters which do not admit of delay if my work is not to suffer seriously. The Editor in Chief, Sjt. Shastri, of *Harijan* is bedridden and on sick leave in Madras. The paper is in charge of two men untrained for the work. For last week's issue I had made arrangements beforehand and sent some manuscripts from Sabarmati last Monday. Whilst therefore Government therefore (sic) are considering my request, I should be permitted to see Sjts. Anand Hingorani or Kaka Kalelkar, the two persons in charge and to send manuscripts for next week's issue.

The second is a letter from Dr. Tagore which was given to me on Friday last. I enclose it herewith. It demands an immediate reply.

The third is this : I have four Europeans under training for Harijan service. They were at the Sabarmati Ashram. They are Miss Mary Barr, Nila Nagini Devi, Dr. Margarete Spiegel and Mr. Duncan Greenless. They have been sent to Wardha where they would be in unfamiliar surroundings. Naginidevi and Dr. Spiegel are comparative strangers to India and otherwise require delicate attention. I should like to be able to write to them and to Sjt, Vinoba who is in charge of Wardha Ashram and who is to look after them.

There are other matters no less important, but which can await a few days' delay. I venture to hope therefore that pending their decision, Government will grant me by tomorrow the facilities requested about the three matters I have mentioned.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.
Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL
URGENT

No. C/425 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 6th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

Sir,

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from 'A' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Poona for favour of disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

The letter referred to and enclosed by M. K. Gandhi was given to him with his correspondence when he was released on Friday.

Below Government, Home Department No. S.D. 3849 dated 6th August 1933 received from the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona,

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/427 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th August 1933

Returned with compliments.

The contents of this letter were communicated to the prisoner at 10-15 p.m. on 6th August 1933.

3. Dr. Tagore's letter has been returned to the prisoner in original.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 534 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th August 1933

Returned with compliments.

2. The special diet to which 'A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi has been accustomed, and which we know is the only diet that he can digest may be allowed him on medical grounds, at the expense of the State.

3. By Government Resolution, Home Department, No. 6039/2-V dated the 3rd April 1930. para 5(7), 'A' Class prisoners are entitled to receive and write one letter, and have one interview per fortnight. I am unaware of the orders quoted by you.

However, detailed orders in respect of letters and correspondence will issue from Government, meanwhile, the orders governing these concessions for 'A' Class prisoners should apply to M. K. Gandhi.

4. The orders governing the allowance of newspapers to 'A' Class prisoners will apply in the case of 'A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi.

5. The Editors should be informed that no demands are attended to by the prison authorities. If they have any *requests* to make, they should do so to the Secretary to Government. Home Department, Poona.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Colonel,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Please return to be numbered.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/428 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th August 1933

Returned with compliments.

Para. 2 Noted.

Para. 3 Error is noted and regretted. The rules were mislaid in
my office.

Para. 4 Noted.

Para. 5 Noted,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yavda Central Prison.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
7th August 1933.

No. 535 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments, for communication to 'A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi.
Please return.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.
Poona, 6th August 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/426 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th August 1933

Returned with compliments.

Para. 1 has been communicated.

Para. 2. Telegram retained and prisoner informed to that effect.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/429 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a Telegram for 'A' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed by 'Efy' 57 Freiburg Wreisgaon for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Below confidential No. 429, dated 7th August 1933, from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 538 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th August 1933

Returned with compliments.

2. The telegram in question should be filed.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

No. C/434 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 9th August 1933

Noted and returned with compliments having retained the telegram.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 7th August 1933

My dear Doyle,

Sorry for bothering you on this point again, but, " it is really very difficult to know what to do about M. K. Gandhi's correspondence. A large number of registered letters come, should we refuse them, if we accept we make ourselves responsible, and he obviously cannot be given them, and as for the selection of his entitled letters, it is a terrific problem." I think that I would like to suggest that we should appoint some one from outside to come and take away his letters daily, and we can then get rid of them. At present there are first lying here unopened newspapers, letters etc.. heaven knows what other rubbish—what do you think of my proposal ?

I thought Government's reply last night was good. We want more of that kind—No word from the Government today. I thought he would burst fourth. Ah ! a letter this very minute on my table has arrived. My remarks were too premature.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN.

No. 536 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS
Bombay Presidency,
Poona, 7th August 1933

My dear Maxwell,

I attach a copy of an extract of a D.O. letter I have just received from Martin.

(2) How to deal with Gandhi's correspondence is really a problem—it is voluminous, and masses of all sorts of stuff arrive for him.

(3) If we are to censor all letters and newspapers, we shall require one person to deal only with this particular job.

(4) I do not think we can legally refuse to accept letters etc. and if need be, store them for him against his release.

(5) As an ' A ' Class prisoner he will be entitled to only one letter per fortnight—who is to make the selection ?

(6) Martin's proposal is worth considering, *if Gandhi consents to this arrangement*, for I do not see how we can ' order' the disposal of what, after all is his property.

(7) Could you let me know what course would be acceptable to Government.

Yours,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

To

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., M.A. (Oxon),
Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/433 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE:

Dated 8th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from ' A ' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 541 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 8th August 1933

From

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

With reference to your Confidential letter No. C/433 dated 8th August 1933, I have the honour to state that Mr. Gandhi should be informed with reference to his letter addressed to me that—

- 1 State prisoner Vallabhbhai Patel has not had any operation performed.
- 2 I do not possess any more information than that which was published in today's issue of the *Times of India*, which presumably he also has seen.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/432 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from ' A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government of Bombay, Home Department for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 540 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th August 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 8th August 1933

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for the very prompt reply to my letter of the 6th containing three requests. I have thankfully taken advantage, pending orders on my general request about Harijan work, of the permission granted on the first request, and of the very limited permission granted on the second and the third requests. I may however state that in making my requests I have not been influenced by the fact of my being classified as an " A " Class prisoner. Having lodged my protest at my trial against classification, I did not and do not want to make unnecessary fuss about it, and I know that it is open to me not to avail myself of any of the privileges allowed to ' A ' Class prisoners. Moreover I am quite aware that I allow myself to enjoy physical facilities not granted by Government to other prisoners of even ' A ' Class. I do so not because I have been classified ' A ' but because those facilities are a physical or medical necessity for me. But I need other facilities which are higher than these and without which life itself becomes an intolerable burden. They arise from the cravings of the soul. But I am anxious as a prisoner to avoid all controversy with Government. I would ask them therefore to be as considerate in regard to my supra-physical needs, as they have been in regard to my physical needs.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/431 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a Telegram for ' A ' Class prisoner No. 22270, M. K. Gandhi addressed by Gerald Jaiglor Fishpond for favour of orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 542 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 8th August 1933

Returned with compliments.
The telegram should be withheld.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the telegram.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/435 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th August 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the telegram.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3876
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Dated 8th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency

Sir.

In returning herewith the telegram for Mr. M. K. Gandhi forwarded with your endorsement dated the 5th August 1933, I am directed to state that the jail authorities should deal with all such communications under the ordinary rules applicable to ' A ' Class prisoners.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 543 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th August 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison for information and future guidance.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/436 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 10th August 1933

From

Lt. Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from an ' A ' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay, for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 547 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 10th August 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.
Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 10th April 1933

Dear Sir,

I regret to have to remind you of my letter regarding Harijan work Kakasaheb Kalelkar whom I met on Monday last told me that there were urgent letters in the matter awaiting me in the post, there are pressing Harijan problems demanding my immediate attention. I do hope therefore that I shall be favoured with the final decision before or on Monday next at the latest.

I attach hereto a copy of the Government of India's orders in the matter. In my humble opinion they are unequivocal.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Poona.

Copy of Government of India's orders regarding Harijan work, received on 3rd November 1932.

Government of India recognise, in view of considerations stated in Mr. Gandhi's letters of October 18th and October 24th, that if he is to carry out programme that he has set before himself in regard to the removal of untouchability, which they had not before fully appreciated, it is necessary that he should have freedom in regard to visitors and correspondence on matters strictly limited to removal of untouchability.

They also recognise that if Mr. Gandhi's activities in this matter are to be fully effective there can be no restrictions on publicity.

As they do not wish to interpose obstacles to Mr. Gandhi's efforts in connection with problems of untouchability, they are removing all restrictions on visitors, correspondence and publicity in regard to matters which in Mr. Gandhi's own words have no reference to Civil Disobedience and are strictly limited to removal of untouchability.

They note that Mr. Gandhi contemplates presence of officials at interviews and inspection then and there of correspondence, should Government at any time consider that such procedure is desirable.

HOME DEPARTMENT

A copy of these notes has been taken and the matter may be taken up with the Government of India as suggested above. These papers may be returned u.o. to F. D. with an intimation that that Department will be kept informed of the developments and result of the question.

Id. S. H.

7th August 1933.

Id.

J. C. B.

8th August

H. D.

A copy of the G. of I.'s letter No. D. 3659/33-Poll, dated 6th June 1933 was forwarded to the Inspector-General of Prisons with our endorsement No. 3175/3, dated 27th June 1933.

The Inspector-General of Prisons may be requested u.o. to state expenditure incurred on State prisoners if any, other than that referred to at 'A' on p. 2 ante was borne by this Government.

On return of the papers from the Inspector-General of Prisons, the Government of India, will be addressed in the matter.

(Sd.).....

10th August

U.O.R. to the I.G. of Prisons dated 10th August 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/437 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 11th August 1933

Noted and returned with compliments retaining the telegram.

Do these instructions apply also to all letters ? The Registered letters received have been returned to the Post Office, as it is not possible to give a receipt for them and retain them in our possession.

All other letters, newspapers etc., in very large quantities are lying here unopened. It will be difficult to store them for a year.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN.
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent.
Yeravda Central Prison.

I understand Government have issued orders on this particular point today. Put up if received.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
11th May 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

D.O. No. S.D. 3933
HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)
Poona, 11th August 1933

My dear Doyle,

Please see your demi-official letter No. 536 of the 7th instant about Mr. Gandhi's incoming post.

I am to say that, pending orders on Mr. Gandhi's general request for facilities to carry on Harijan work which is under consideration, Government approve of Martins suggestion that the post should be received by the prison authorities and handed over to an agent from outside the prison appointed by Mr. Gandhi to receive it. If, however, Mr. Gandhi does not consent to nominate an agent, he should be asked to mention, in order of preference, the names of several correspondents from whom he expects letters in each fortnight. The last letter received from the correspondent highest on the list can then be delivered to him.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL .

To

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 553 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and guidance with reference to his D.O. dated 7th August 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S. 116/29-C
HOME DEPARTMENT
Bombay Castle, 12th August 1933

From

J. C. Bolton, Esquire,
Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The District Magistrate, Poona.

Subject.—*Prisoner* :

Classification of M. K. Gandhi.

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum No. P.O.L. 1289, dated the 8th August 1933, regarding the classification of prisoner Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, I am directed to convey the confirmation of Government to the classification of the prisoner under Class ' A '.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. C. BOLTON,
Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S. 116/29-C
HOME DEPARTMENT Bombay Castle,
12th August 1933

Copies forwarded with compliments to :—

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) D. O. FLYNN,
for Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/438 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from an ' A ' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government of Bombay, Home Department for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 556 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Dated 14th August 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 14th August 1933

Dear Sir,

It is now noon of Monday, and I am yet without any answer to my request for resumption of Harijan work on the same terms as before my fast. This request was first conveyed on the 1st instant from the Central Prison at Ahmedabad and has since been thrice repeated.

The strain of deprivation of this work is becoming unbearable. If therefore I cannot have the permission by noon next Wednesday, I must deny myself all nourishment from that time, save water and salts. That is the only way I can fulfil my vow and also relieve myself some what of the strain mentioned above. I do not want the proposed suspension of nourishment in any way to act as a pressure on the Government. Life ceases to interest me if I may not do Harijan service without let or hindrance. As I have made it clear in my previous correspondence and as the Government of India have admitted, permission to render that service is implied in the Yeravda Pact to which the British Government is a consenting party, in so far as its consent was necessary. Therefore I do indeed want the permission, but only if the Government believe that justice demands it and not because I propose to deprive myself of food if it is not granted. That deprivation is intended purely for my consolation.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Poona.**CONFIDENTIAL**

No. S.D. 3958

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 14th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 547, dated the 10th August 1933, forwarding a letter of the same date addressed to Government by Mr. Gandhi, I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed that he is permitted to have another interview with the editor of the *Harijan* newspaper under clause (1) of Rule 454 of the Bombay Jail Manual, in order

to hand him manuscripts and give oral instructions. It should be explained to Mr. Gandhi that this permission is granted pending the issue of final orders on his general request for facilities to resume his anti-untouchability work.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 557 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to M. K. Gandhi.

This has a reference to his confidential No. C/436, dated 10th August 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 439 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 15th August 1933

Noted and returned with compliments.

The contents have been duly communicated to M. K. Gandhi.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN.
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
15th August 1933,

No. D.A.III-25.C.D./980
Bombay, the 14th August 1933

From

The Accountant General, Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

Subject.—Hospital charges for Rs. 175 on account of Dentures supplied to Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, as per Confidential Letter, No. 1975/3, dated 17th February 1933 from Secretary to Government, Home Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to enquire whether the State prisoner referred to therein was detained under Regulation III of 1818 or other cognate regulation when the charge of Rs. 175 was incurred by the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison. If the reply to the above query be in the affirmative, then the charges in question appear to be properly debitable to Central Revenues and not to Provincial Revenues, as has been ordered by Government presumably at the instance of your office. A reply in confirmation is requested.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.),

Assistant Accountant General.

No, 11293 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 17th August 1933

From

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Accountant General, D.A. III Section. Bombay.

Subject.—Hospital charges for Rs. 175 on account of Dentures supplied to Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison as per Confidential letter No. 1975/3 dated 17th February 1933 from Government in the Home Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. D.A. III-25-C.D./980 dated 14th instant, I have the honour to state that the State prisoner referred to therein was detained under Regulation III of 1818. The charge of Rs. 175 was incurred by the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison on orders received

from Government. Please see Home Department letter No. 1975/3, dated 17th February 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/440 of 1933.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 15th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency, Poona

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from an ' A ' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed to me for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 558 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 15th August 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,

Home Department (Political), Poona. Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt-Col., I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON Bombay,
15th August 1933

Dear Col. Martin,

With reference to the two communications received by you from Government, I beg to state as follows :—

(1) As to the reply to my letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the Government, whilst I am thankful for the permission to hand over the *Harijan* manuscript to the Acting Editor, and give instructions, this permission does not meet immediate requirements. It is difficult without being in touch with correspondence from day to day to write usefully for the *Harijan*. Again to be in touch with the correspondence on untouchability is just as urgent as editing the *Harijan*. For instance a difficult experiment under my supervision is being carried on in connection with a Harijan School. I have to be in contact with the teacher, if the school is to be a success. I have put some Ashram girls and boys in a Harijan Boarding House, an experiment probably the first of its kind. It cannot go on without my constant attention. This was started on the eve of my arrest. These are but two out of the many instances I can cite, of matters demanding my personal attention. The least therefore that I require at once is :—

(a) The delivery of all the correspondence in your possession with permission to reply to so much of it as may have any connection with untouchability.

(b) Access to, and disposal of, all correspondence received at the *Harijan* office.

(c) Access to newspapers received by you and the *Harijan* office, so as to enable me to deal with points on untouchability that may have been discussed in those papers.

If the permission is given on these three matters, pending final orders on my request, I shall not need to fast from tomorrow noon, as stated in my letter to Government yesterday. If it can be obtained in the course of the day, I would like to see Kakasaheb Kalelkar or Sjt. Anand Hingorani today. I should be able then to hand over some manuscript to go on with.

2. What I have said above perhaps answers the Government letter regarding the disposal of my correspondence in your possession. I have no desire to receive a fortnightly letter under the classification rules. The bulk of my correspondence is likely to have a bearing on untouchability and would demand my personal attention or instructions. If the correspondence is handed to me I would gladly return that which may not pertain to untouchability. There are likely to be letters concerning business affairs. I should take the Government instructions regarding such letters. The fact of the matter is that I have many public activities besides the political, and as I told you personally this morning, in my opinion the just way to deal with

me is, after insuring my strict abstention from participation directly or indirectly in Civil Disobedience, to give me the facilities mentioned in my letter to you of the 5th instant.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

No. 11222 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 15th August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir.

I have the honour to refer you to Home Department, Confidential letter No. 1975/3, dated 17th February 1933, and to request you to be so good as to report, at an early date, the total amount of expenditure incurred for the dental treatment of Mr. Gandhi and met from the provision made under ' Hospital Charges' under ' 25-Jails and Convict Settlements—Jails' Bombay.

I would also request you to kindly let me know what other expenditure, if any, was incurred on State prisoners and debited to " 25-Jails and Convict Settlements—Jails Bombay.

This question does not refer to any expenditure incurred from the allowance of Rs. 100 p.m. each, granted to Messrs. Gandhi and V. J. Patel as these allowances are met from the Central Revenues.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) E. F. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL
IMMEDIATE

No. S.D. 3982
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 16th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. S.D. 3958, dated the 14th August 1933, I am directed to request that the following orders may be communicated to Mr. Gandhi regarding his request for facilities to resume his anti-untouchability work.

2. Government have decided to allow him the following concessions for anti-untouchability work only :—

(1) to receive newspapers and periodicals but not to be allowed interviews for publication in the press whether with press correspondents or others ;

(2) to see not more than two visitors a day ;

(3) to be allowed to send instructions or contributions to the editor of the *Harijan* three times a week and a limited number of letters to other correspondents :

(4) to have at his disposal a convict typist and such books, newspapers etc., as are needed for Harijan work.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 560 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona. 16th August 1933

To

The Superintendent.

Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and guidance in continuation of this office No. 557 dated 14th August 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. S.D. 3987
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 16th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

Revd. C. F. Andrews,
Imperial Citizenship Association, 235, Hornby Road, Bombay.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 3rd August 1933, addressed to the Honourable the Home Member, I am directed to inform you that you can have a special interview with Mr. Gandhi only if you intend to confine yourself to the subject of untouchability. If not, you may apply to the Superintendent of the Yeravda Central Prison for an ordinary interview when it becomes due.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 3988
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 16th August 1933

Copy, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded with compliments to :—
The Inspector-General of Prisons.
The Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 16th August 1933

Dear Col. Martin,

I see that I have hastily and stupidly told you to restore the goats to me. It shows how disinclined I am to starve. But on reading the notes of the orders you have left with me, they are so far short of the original orders of the Government of India and of my requirements that I must not be precipitate in breaking the fast. If the Government wish to go back upon those orders I shall be sorry, but I may not work under the new orders which are a manifest departure from the original and which seem to me to be grudgingly given. I observe that you cannot even let me have the letters already in your possession and to hand the manuscript to the acting editor for this week's *Harijan*. It pains me to have to write this letter, but it will give me much greater pain if I break the fast now and have to enter upon a prolonged controversy with the Government on many matters that need elucidation. I miss Government response to the meticulous care with which I am endeavouring to observe jail discipline and as a prisoner tender cooperation which as a citizen outside prison walls I consider it a religious duty to withhold. I have read your notes three times and each reading has increased my grief to discover that Government cannot appreciate the desperate need there is for me to do Harijan work without let or hindrance. Much therefore as I am disinclined to continue the fast, I feel that I must go through the agony if I cannot serve the Harijan cause without the tremendous handicap which it seems to me the orders conveyed by you put upon it.

Will you therefore please withdraw the milk and the fruit already received by me, and accept my apology for having hurriedly told you that I would break the fast.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Yeravda, 17th August 1933

My dear Doyle,

I am sending the latest letter from M. K. Gandhi. I told him this morning that I couldn't understand his letter to me last night, the one I gave to the H.M., and which I told you about on the phone. I told him he had better explain himself, so here have it, as I knew all along, nothing have a less than all the same as last time, and note carefully the P.S. It might be a good thing to transfer Chhaganlal Joshi and then he would not be here. He has taken to his bed and doing all the sob stuff. Regarding this interview with Kalelkar the acting editor I understand at present of the *Harijan*—M. K. Gandhi is in the yard, (a) Can he strain his strength to walk to this office, (a) If not is the yard a suitable place for an interview ? To both questions I say no.

As he is already fasting he cannot do much worse therefore why grant him the interview till the fast is broken. In any case I see no possibility of getting him (Kalelkar) here by 12 O'clock today. It is ridiculous.

You will note he says he wants all the correspondence and newspapers in my possession.

Another point suppose Charlie Andrews turns up am I to take him to the yard and give an interview there. I definitely do not recommend it and again say no interview while fasting

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN.

To

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle. CLE., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

D.O. No. S.D. 3994
HOME DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL)
Poona, 17th August 1933

My dear Doyle,

Among the points raised in Mr. Gandhi's letter of this morning, which Martin forwarded through you with his letter herewith returned, there are some which are sufficiently covered by the orders already issued, as explained below. Mr. Gandhi may be allowed to avail himself of all or any of the concessions which have been sanctioned so long as his state of health permits.

(1) His request to see Kalelkar or Hingorani in connection with the editing of the *Harijan*.

He is not debarred from seeing these persons or any other person chosen to edit the *Harijan* subject to the prescribed maximum of two visitors daily for all purposes.

(2) His request to receive letters and newspapers already delivered at the jail but withheld from him pending orders.

The Government of India have agreed that Mr. Gandhi may be allowed to receive all correspondence *relating exclusively to untouchability*. Letters and newspapers already received since the commencement of his present term of imprisonment may therefore be delivered to him alter censorship, and future correspondence may be similarly dealt with. You may, if necessary, propose such extra staff as may be required for this censorship. In the meanwhile a beginning should be made in delivering to him, after scrutiny, the accumulated correspondence. In doing so, newspapers may be dealt with on the same lines as before.

(3) The number of letters which he is allowed to send to other correspondents (i.e. in addition to the transmission of matter three times a week

to-the Editor of the *Harijan*) is subject to further orders, but for the present two letters a day would not be regarded as unreasonable.

As regards interviews while Mr. Gandhi is fasting, you may use your discretion in deciding where they should take place. For the present two interviews a day may be allowed, but Mr. Gandhi should be warned that if his fast continues, interviews may have to be curtailed in the interests of his health.

A copy of Mr. Gandhi's letter of yesterday evening, which is referred to at the beginning of Martin's letter, is enclosed herewith for your information.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL

To

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle. C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S..
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

No. 562-A of 1933
Poona, 17th August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVADA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 17th August. 1933

Dear Col. Martin,

With reference to our conversation of this morning, before I can break my fast the following points require to be settled :—

(1) I should see Kakasaheb Kalelkar or Sjt. Anand Hingorani before 12 o'clock today for handing manuscript and giving instructions.

(2) All the letters and newspapers in your possession should be handed to me, subject to the condition mentioned in my letter of 15th instant.

(3) The notes you showed me bind me to the non-publication of inter views in the press. This is a physical impossibility as I can have no control over persons who would see me. It is not contemplated that I would only see those who would be subject to my discipline. I would be seeing hot opponents, perhaps more often than friends.

(4) The notes contemplate *two* visitors a day. I can never conduct the movement if I am thus restricted. I have to see visitors as they come if I am to influence them.

(5) As a journalist of twenty-nine years standing I can say that restriction as to the sending of instructions to the editor three times per week is wholly unworkable, and it is not clear whether the editor or editors are to see me personally or not.

(6) The notes contemplate a limited number of letters to other correspondents. I do not know what the Government have in mind by the term " limited ". I had to send, during the last dispensation, on an average something like thirty letters a day.

(7) There is no mention in the notes about letters. I take it that it is an unintended omission and that I shall have all the letters and newspapers, whether received by you or the *Harijan* office, my work on them being strictly confined to untouchability.

You will now see what a gulf exists between my requirements and the concessions the Government are prepared to grant. If the Government would permit me to handle the tremendous movement of anti-untouchability affecting millions of human beings, they should give full effect to the Government of India orders under the last dispensation. There was in them a frank recognition of my submission and therefore a full response to it. I miss it altogether in the notes. So far as I am aware I have given no cause whatever for change of policy. If permission is given as requested by me, I can give my absolute assurance that I shall take no undue advantage of it, I shall confine myself strictly to anti-untouchability work and shall endeavour to the best of my ability to consult the convenience of the prison staff.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

P.S.—I take it that the convict typist is also a shorthand typist, and that if everything is satisfactorily settled I shall have the assistance as before of Sjt. Mahadev Desai and Chhaganlal Joshi.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/443 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 17th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from an ' A ' Class prisoner No. 22270, M. K. Gandhi addressed to me for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 7536

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 17th August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your letter 11222 dated the 15th instant, I have the honour to report that the total amount of expenditure incurred for the dental treatment of Mr. M. K. Gandhi from the provision made under ' Hospital charges' under, ' 25, Jails and convict settlements—Jails' is Rs. 175. No other expenditure was incurred on State prisoners, and debited to ' 25 Jails and Convict—Settlements—Jails.'

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

DOCKET SHEET

Subject :—*Prisoners.*

State.....expenditure,..... Department
incurred by the Local Government.....Branch.

References : —.....

Dated 18th August 1933

My dear Maxwell,

Please refer to para. 2 of your D.O. letter No. S.D. 3994 dated the 17th August 1933. Martin informs me that he has started wading through the pile of correspondence that has accumulated for Gandhi since his admission. Martin is dealing with those letters in English, while the Jailor censors, as far as he can, those in the vernaculars.

2. I understand the vernacular letters run into hundreds, while thirty to fifty letters in English, is an average day's post.

3. You will thus see that it is absolutely necessary that extra staff is required if the censorship imposed is to be strictly carried out and at the same time that the Superintendent and Jailor do their legitimate jail duties.

4. I propose that two reliable persons be appointed for this duty. One to deal with, and be responsible for, all letters and correspondence in English, the other to deal similarly with Gandhi's vernacular correspondence.

5. I regret there are no jail officers available who could be detailed for this duty.

6. In this connection, might I suggest, for the consideration of Government, that these persons be authorised to conduct, under the orders of the Superintendent, the interviews now permitted for 'A' Class prisoner Gandhi. If agreed to, this would relieve the jail staff, and enable Martin and his jailor to attend to their ordinary routine duties, and would, so to speak, 'round off' the duties of the official censors.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

To

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., M.A. (Oxon,) I.C.S., J.P.,
Secretary to Government, Home Department, Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 3995
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Dated 18th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell. Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.]

Sir,

I am directed to request that Mr. Gandhi may be informed as follows with reference to the points raised in his letter of the 17th August addressed to the Superintendent. Yeravda Central Prison (copy enclosed) : —

(1) *and* (5) He is not debarred from seeing Messrs. Kalelkar or Hingorani or the Editor of the *Harijan* among other visitors, so long as the limit of two visitors a day for all purposes is not exceeded.

(2) *and* (7) Instructions have already been issued to deliver to Mr. Gandhi, after necessary censorship, all letters relating to untouchability including those already received. He is also allowed the use of newspapers addressed or brought to him for untouchability work only.

(3) The orders bind him not to give interviews for the purpose of publication and in particular they debar interviews with press correspondents.

(6) The number of letters which he is allowed to send to other correspondents (in addition to the transmission of matter three times a week to the Editor of the *Harijan*) will be limited to five daily.

2. With reference to the postscript of his letter, Mr. Gandhi should be informed that he will be given a list of convicts from whom he can select a typist but that the list will not include Chhasanlal Joshi.

3. Mr. Gandhi should also be informed that if even now he is willing to abandon all civil disobedience activities and incitement Government are prepared to set him at liberty at once and remit the sentence so that he can devote himself to the cause of social reform.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL
IMMEDIATE

No. 566 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 18th August 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of necessary action.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 4004
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 18th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I am directed to request that a report may be obtained from the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, every morning and forwarded to Government with the least possible delay stating whether Mr. Gandhi is continuing his fast and what his present condition appears to be. It is the intention of Government to transfer Mr. Gandhi to a hospital before the danger point of the fast is reached and I am to ask you to consider and let Government have your views as to the most convenient stage for this transfer. I am to point out that, while it is not the intention of Government to separate Mr. Mahadev Desai from Mr. Gandhi prior to Mr. Gandhi's removal from jail, there would be no objection to transferring Mr. Mahadev Desai as soon as the removal takes place. From this point of view it may be of advantage to move Mr. Gandhi at an earlier rather than at a later stage of the fast, as he would then be away from Mr. Mahadev Desai's influence.

2. I am to suggest that as on the last occasion it may help to lessen the responsibility of the jail authorities and to prevent alarmist rumours from

spreading among the public if an outside medical practitioner were allowed to visit Mr. Gandhi during his fast in a consulting capacity.

It is suggested that Dr. Gilder, who is now in Poona, should be the person selected for this purpose and I am to request you to report in consultation with the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, whether you see any objection to this course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

This must be taken up at once. I think two C.I.D. Officers would be best if they could be spared. We may consult C.I.D. Perhaps Bombay could supply a Hindi-knowing man if Poona cannot.

(Sd.) R. M. M.

18th August.

U.O.R. to I.G. of Police No. S.D. 4024 dated 19th August 1933.

IMMEDIATE

D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. may be asked if he can supply two officers for the purpose indicated in the letter of I.G. of Prisons. If so their names should be reported.

(Sd.) E. E. T.

19th August.

U.O.R.

R.W.C.

As personally mentioned arrangements have been made with I.G. of Prisons to take over all of Gandhi's post for censorship. Two C.I.D.'s. have been deputed for this work in case neither of these can read some vernacular script; e.g. Hindi or Urdu. The assistance of other C.I.D. Officers will be called in for such odd letters. The post will be taken from the jail every morning and the censorship work will be done in the C.I.D., where it is most conveniently done and in any case of doubt I shall be on the spot to give orders. I should be glad to have precise orders from Government on the following points :—

- (1) What newspapers—daily, weekly or monthly are allowed to Mr. Gandhi.

(2) In such papers persumably all references to political matters are to be censored, There would then remain only references to the Harijan movement and general news. This, if correct may please be confirmed.

(3) How many letters daily is Mr. Gandhi allowed ? Does the number includes *Harijan* and private letters, or are so many *Harijan* lettets permitted apart from so many private letters.

(4) It is proposed to deliver all his post into three categories viz. :—

' A ' *Harijan* correspondence—letters and newspapers which will be given him ad lib.

' B ' All other correspondence—private and political which will not be given him except on such scale as he may be allowed (para. 3 above). What is not given him out of this category will be kept and handed over to him when he is no longer a prisoner.

' C ' All prescribed literature or matter offensively abusive of Govern- ment : This would be destroyed as received.

For the general guidance of the Censoring Officers I should be glad of precise orders.

(Sd.) G. A. SHILLIDY,

2.1st August 1933.

U.O.R. to Secretary. H. D., Poona.

Points (3) and (4) are covered by my letter issued today. As regards points (1) and (2) the I.G. of Prisons may be asked u.o. what practice was followed by the Superintendent., Yeravda Prison.

(Sd.) R. M.M

21st August..

I.G. of Prisons

U.O.R. No. S.D. 4064 dated 21st August 1933.

(In : No. 1037 dated 22nd August 1933)

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 568 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona. 19th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.

Sir,

With reference to Government, H.D. letter No. S.D. 4004, dated 18th August 1933. I have the honour to inform you that I have directed the

Superintendent. Yeravda Central Prison to send you direct, a copy to this office, a report as required in para 1 of your letter.

2. I consider the transfer should take place as soon as it is considered necessary to employ expert nurses. This means at a stage when though the danger point has not been reached, it is inadvisable for the person concerned to exert himself. I request that suitable accommodation be arranged.

3. The orders in respect of the transfer of the ' B ' Class prisoner is noted, and will be put into effect at the time ordered.

4. I have consulted the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, and we agree that the services of Dr. Gilder, M.D., in a consulting capacity would be welcome, and would request that he be placed in direct communication with me.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons.

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 569 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona. 19th August 1933

To

The Superintendent.

Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy, together with a copy of H. D, letter No. S.D. 4004, dated 18th August 1933. forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. F. DOYLE.

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 444/C.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 19th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin. I.M.S.,

Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the daily report on ' A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi for 19th August 1933 morning 8-30 a.m.

General condition	Good.
Pulse	77 per minute.
Temperature	97.2°
Weight	96 ¹ / ₂ lbs.
Urine examination	Nothing abnormal.

Tongue clean.

No jaundice.

Is suffering from nausea and has vomited twice, yesterday afternoon and again this morning.

I consider his condition is quite satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/446 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 19th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from an ' A ' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bombay for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 571 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona. 19th August 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 19th August 1933 Dear

Sir,

Col. Martin has kindly given me a copy of your reply to my letter of the 17th instant addressed to him. I regret to observe that your reply realises my worst fears. Where I thought there was a possibility of a more favourable construction on some of the points, your reply now makes it clear that there was no warrant for any such construction. It therefore becomes unnecessary for me to take up the various points in your letter.

But I have now understood through Mr. Andrews that the difficulty in the way of Government carrying out the orders of the Government of India to which I have already referred is that instead of being a State prisoner I am now a convicted prisoner. If that be the cause for a radical departure

from a policy explicitly laid down by the Government, not by way of concession, but as the Government of India have admitted, " because it is necessary that he (I) should have freedom in regard to visitors and correspondence on matters strictly limited to removal of untouchability, there being no restrictions on publicity ", I cannot understand how what was considered to be necessary for me becomes any the less necessary now, by reason of my being a convicted prisoner. Just as Government have recognised my physical wants and satisfied them inspite of my being a convict, even so I ventured to submit to my spiritual wants regarding untouchability demand full recognition from Government.

The last paragraph of your letter grieves me. The remainder contained in it comes as an added injury to my wounded soul, for I have stated to Government more than once that Civil Disobedience under circumstances like the present is a part of my creed. But I recognise that what I consider as a perfectly lawful and moral activity, Government consider as un-lawful and probably even immoral. I must therefore be content to be their prisoner not merely for the natural term of the present confinement but for such time as India comes to her own if I live long enough to see that day if, that is to say there is a possibility still left of Government fulfilling their solemn obligation and my coming safely out of the ordeal through which I am going.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Poona.

SECRET
URGENT

No. S.D .4031
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 19th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell. Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department ;

To

The Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay.

Sir,

I am directed to state that it is the intention of Government that Mr. M. K, Gandhi, a prisoner in the Yeravda Central Prison, who has gone on a fast since the 16th instant should be transferred to the Sassoon Hospital, Poona, before the danger point of the fast is reached. As the danger point may be reached at any moment. I am to request that you will be so good as to

arrange for a room at the Sassoon Hospital to be placed at the disposal of the Yeravda Jail authorities whenever wanted under the same arrangements as were proposed for Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel in the letter from the Civil Surgeon, Poona, dated the 9th June 1933, a copy of which was forwarded with your endorsement No. O-Mise/Confl. dated the 10th idem.

2. I am also to ask that the Inspector-General of Prisons may be authorised to arrange the details with the Civil Surgeon, Poona, as the removal may have to take place at short notice.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAX.VELX,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. S.D. 4032

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 19th August 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to :—

The Inspector-General of Prisons (with reference to the correspondence ending with paragraph 2 of his letter No. 568, dated the 19th August 1933).

The Inspector-General of Police.

The Commissioner, Central Division.

The District Magistrate, Poona.

The Secretary to Government, General Department.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay
Home Department.

SECRET

No. S.D. 4034

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)

Poona, 19th/20th August 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Police,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to Government endorsement No. S.D. 4032 of today's date, regarding the arrangements for the removal of Mr. M. K. Gandhi to the Sassoon Hospital before the danger point of the fast is reached, I am directed to request that you will be so good as to make arrangements, in consultation with the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay, for guarding, when the occasion arises, the room in the hospital that will be occupied by Mr. Gandhi. The arrangements may be similar to those proposed in para. 2 of the Memorandum from the District Superintendent of Police, Poona, No. C/ORD/455, dated the 10th June 1933, a copy of which was forwarded with your letter No. C/70, dated the 12th idem.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

SECRET

No. S.D. 4035

HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Poona, 19th/20th August 1933

Copy forwarded with compliments to—

*The Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay (with
reference to Government Letter No. S.D. 4031, of today's date).

The Inspector-General of Prisons,

*The Commissioner, Central Division,

*The District Magistrate, Poona.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) C. F. BORGES,

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

* With a copy of the letter from the Inspector-General of Police No. C/ J 70, dated the 12th June 1933 and of its accompaniment.

CONFIDENTIAL**Order**

Inspector J. S. Rane is deputed on duty in connection with the Police arrangements to look after Mr. M. K. Gandhi in the Sassoon Hospital from this afternoon (20th August 1933).

Inspector Rane will work under the orders of the D.S.P., Poona, so far as the maintenance of order and custody is concerned. He will be also under the orders of the Civil Surgeon, Poona, as regards visitors interviewing Mr. Gandhi. As long as Mr. Gandhi is kept a prisoner in the Hospital, he is allowed two interviews daily with friends subject to the permission of the Civil Surgeon that as a patient he is medically fit for such interviews. Inspector Rane will take daily orders from the Civil Surgeon about such interviews, e.g. between what hours they may take place and for how long. Unless and until otherwise ordered by Government Mr. Gandhi is allowed only two interviews daily and this order Inspector Rane will enforce.

On any question of custody Inspector Rane will refer to the D.S.P., Poona, for orders.

(Sd.) G. A. SHILLIDY,
D.I.G., C.I.D., Poona.

20th August 1933.

To

J. S. Rane, C.I.D., Poona.

Copy f.w.c. for information to—

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay, H.D.,
The Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona,
The Civil Surgeon, Poona,
The D.S.P., Poona.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 19th August 1933

Dear Col. Martin,

For the last three or four days you have been sending me mutilated copies of the *Times of India*. I have surmised that the mutilations are due to references to my fast. If my surmise is correct, I venture to think the mutilation is not fair to me. If any thing has been said by or on behalf of Government, I should at least know what it is, so that I could make my submission to the Government if there was anything that I might consider unfair in the statements appearing in the press. In fairness to all concerned, I would suggest that the full text of the correspondence beginning from my

letter of the 29th September 1932 addressed to Major Bhandari, with reference to my request for doing Harijan work should be published, if it has not already been done.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Extract from a Confidential demi-official letter No. S.D. 3994, dated the 17th August 1933, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency.

(2) His (Mr. Gandhi's) request to receive letters and newspapers already delivered at the Jail but withheld from him pending orders.

The Government of India have agreed that Mr. Gandhi may be allowed to receive all correspondence *relating exclusively to untouchability*. Letters and newspapers already received since the commencement of his present term of imprisonment may therefore be delivered to him after censorship, and future correspondence may be similarly dealt with. You may, if necessary, propose such extra staff as may be required for this censorship. In the meanwhile a beginning should be made in delivering to him, after scrutiny, the accumulated correspondence. In doing so, newspapers may be dealt with on the same lines as before.

D.O. No. 567 dated 18th August 1933 from the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Poona,

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 445 /C of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 19th August 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency. Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a telegram from M. K. Gandhi addressed to ' Vidyut Bombay' and to inquire whether it may be allowed to go on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 570 of ,1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 19th August 1933

Returned with compliments.

The telegram may be allowed to go on. I sincerely hope the prayer is granted,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return retaining the accompaniments.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 448 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th August 1933

Returned with compliments retaining the accompaniments.

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Below unofficial reference dated 10th August 1933 from Government in the Home Department, Bombay.

The. total expenditure incurred for the dental treatment of Mr. Gandhi, and debited to the provision made under " Hospital charges " under " 25 Jails and Convict Settlements—Jails" is Rs. 175. No other expenditure was incurred on State prisoners and debited to " 25 Jails and Convict Settlements—Jails ", Bombay.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

19th August 1933.

U.O.R. No. 129 dated 19th August 1933.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 449 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th August 1933

From

Lt-Col. R. H. Candy, I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona,
and
Lt.-Col R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department, Poona.

Sir,

We the undersigned have the honour to report that we have this morning examined ' A' Class prisoner M. K. Gandhi and find—

That during the past 24 hours a change for the worse has occurred.

He has lost 1½ lbs. in weight. Owing to nausea and vomiting his intake of water has diminished considerably and this is reflected in some dryness of the tongue, smell of acetone in the breath, and shrunken face.

His present condition is now rather unsatisfactory.

Morning temperature	96.6
Pulse	70
Weight	95 lbs.
Blood pressure	152/98
Urine	Nothing abnormal.

We consider the stage has now been reached for his transfer to a hospital to take place.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

(Sd.) R. H. CANDY,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon, Poona

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN
Lt.-Col. I-M.S.,
Superintendent
Yeravda Central Prison

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of PRISON Poona.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/447 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 20th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from an ' A ' Class prisoner No. 22270 M. K. Gandhi addressed to me for favour of further disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 573 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 21st August 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. 572 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 21st August 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Political), Poona.

Forwarded with compliments for information. Mr. Gandhi was transferred at 4 p.m. on the 20th instant to the Sassoon Hospital.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Will the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison kindly supply the information required. (Out. No. 575, dated 22nd August 1933)

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
21st August 1933

I have already given the D.I.G., C.I.D. a list of the newspapers which were previously allowed to Mr. Gandhi; these were *Times of India*, *Bombay Chronicle*, *The Leader* (Allahabad), *The Hindu* (Madras), *The Indian Social Reformer*, *The Tribune* (Lahore), *The Modern Review*, *Young India*, *The Navjivan* ; when he was a State prisoner he was given the above mentioned papers without censoring. Some Marathi papers were also received ; from these only those articles bearing on Harijan work were given to him. During his present term of imprisonment he has so far only been given the *Times of India* and that has been censored.

(Sd) R. V. MARTIN.
22nd August.

In. No. 1038 dated 22nd August 1933

U.O.R. to I.G. of Prisons.
Herewith the information required.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
22nd August 1933.

U.O.R. to the Secretary, H.D. Pol., Poona.
Out. No. 577, dated 22nd August 1933.

Prisoner:
Civil Disobedience Movement.
Release of—
Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Resolution No. S.D. 4101
Poona, 23rd August 1933

RESOLUTION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 401 of the Code of Criminal . Procedure, 1898, the Governor in Council is pleased to remit unconditionally

the unexpired portion of the sentence of one year's simple imprisonment passed upon Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi by the Additional District Magistrate of Poona and to direct that he shall be released forthwith.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 7789 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 24th August 1933

From

Lt.-Col. R. V. Martin, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to Government Resolution, Home Department (Political) No. S.D. 4101, dated 23rd August 1933, I have the honour to report that prisoner No. 22270, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was released unconditionally on 23rd August 1933.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. V. MARTIN,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Through the Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

No. 11748 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 27th August 1933

Forwarded with compliments.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. D.A. III 25/C.D./1121

Bombay, the 1st September 1933

From

The Accountant General, Bombay ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

Subject.—Expenditure on account of Dentures to a prisoner detained
under Regulation III of 1818.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that an expenditure of Rs. 175 on account of dentures supplied to a State prisoner was incurred by the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison towards the close of the year 1932-33. As the expenditure was incurred, on account of a prisoner detained under Regulation III of 1818, it should as per orders in the Government of India, Home Department letter No. D/3659/33-Poll of 6th June 1933, copy received under endorsement No. 3175/3 of 27th June 1933, from Government in the Home Department, have been debited to the Central Government and not the Government of Bombay as has been done by the Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison. In accordance with the Government of India orders referred to above, however the charge has been transferred to the Central Government in the accounts for 1932-33 and this report is made to Government for further action if necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.),

Assistant Accountant General.

No. D.A. III/25/C.D. 1122.

Bombay, 1st September 1933

Copy forwarded to the Inspector-General of Prisons, for information, with reference to the correspondence, ending with his letter No. 11293, of 17th instant.

(Sd.),

Assistant Accountant General.

No. 1975/3-0
HOME DEPARTMENT Bombay Castle,
21st September 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department.

Subject.—*Prisoners:*

State, expenditure incurred by the local
Government.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the Government of India, Home Department endorsement No. D. 3659/33-Poll., dated the 6th June 1933, forwarding a copy of their letter addressed to other local Governments on the subject of expenditure incurred by local Governments on State prisoners, and to State that the Government of Bombay incurred an extra expenditure of Rs. 175 in February 1933 for the dental treatment of Mr. M. K. Gandhi while he was a State prisoner. He was treated by a private doctor selected by the Bombay Government who supplied Mr. Gandhi with a full upper and partial lower denture. A bill for Rs. 175 was submitted by the Doctor for this patient. Mr. Gandhi objected to the bill being paid out of his monthly allowance of Rs. 100 sanctioned for him, on the ground that the Doctor suggested by him, who would not have charged him anything, was not called in. The Bombay Government accordingly decided to pay the bill themselves and meet it provisionally from Provincial revenues. I am to request that the formal approval of the Government of India may be obtained to this expenditure incurred on the State prisoner.

2. I am further to state that the amount of Rs. 175 referred to above, has been debited to the Central Revenues in the accounts for March, 1933, supplementary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 1975/3

HOME DEPARTMENT

Bombay Castle, 21st September 1933

Copies forwarded with compliments for information to :—

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
The Accountant General, Bombay,
The Finance Department.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.),

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. D. 6597/33-Poll

Simla, the 3rd October 1933

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

HOME DEPARTMENT

From

C. M. Trivedi, Esquire, O.B.E., I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India ;

To

the Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

Subject.—Expenditure of Rs. 175 on account of dental treatment of
Mr. M. K. Gandhi, while a State prisoner under the Bombay
Regulation, XXV of 1827.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1975/3-C, dated the 21st September 1933, I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government of India to the expenditure of the sum of Rs. 175 incurred in February 1933 for the dental treatment of Mr. M. K. Gandhi while he was a State prisoner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. M. TRIVEDI,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 1975/3-C.

HOME DEPARTMENT

Bombay Castle, 6th October 1933

Copies forwarded with compliments, in continuation of Government endorsement No. 1975/3, dated the 21st September 1933, for information to :—

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
The Accountant General, Bombay,
The Finance Department.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.),

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Correspondence regarding Patwardhan and Gandhi.

The *Swayamnirnaya*, dated the 14th May 1932 writes :—

Swayamnirnaya, 14th May 1932.

' Senapati' Bapat and Mr. Annasaheb Sahasrabuddhe who are at present undergoing imprisonment in the Ratnagiri Jail are given the work of cleaning the latrines. It is also understood that Mr. S. P. Patwardhan is asked to do grinding work.

Forwarded, with compliments, to the Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

(Sd.),

Acting Oriental Translator to Government.

24th May 1932.

Copy submitted to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Political) for information.

No. 8016 of 1932

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 25th May 1932

To

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

Forwarded with compliments for favour of any remarks.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

No. 1059 of 1932
RATNAGIRI PRISON OFFICE
Dated 29th May 1932

Returned with compliments.

Prisoners Nos. 1783 and 1874 Pandurang Mahadeo Bapat and Anant Vasudeo Sahasrabuddhe have been given conservancy work at their own request. Prisoner No. 1878 Sitaram Purshottam Patwardhan was put on grinding work from 24th March to 10th May 1932, and he is now put on weaving work since 11th May 1932.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

No. 8385 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 31st May 1932

Returned with compliments.

Please read B. J. M. Rule 938, and reconcile that with the first sentence of your endorsement above.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

No. 1402 of 1932
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON
Dated 12th July 1932

Returned with compliments.

" The B. J. M. Rule quoted does not seem to me to prohibit a prisoner from being given conservancy work, if he does not object to it on the ground of caste." (Dr. Sadie's reply).

(Sd.) N. M. CHAVAN,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison,

No. 10892 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 15th July 1932

Returned with compliments.

I am not concerned with your interpretation of the Rule.

You will in future obtain specific orders from H.O.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

The *Swayamniraya* dated the 14th May 1932 writes :—

Senapati Bapat and Mr. Annasaheb Sahasrabuddhe who are at present undergoing imprisonment in the Ratnagiri Jail are given the work of cleaning the latrines. It is also understood that Mr. S. P. Patwardhan is asked to do grinding work.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 28th November 1932

Dear Col. Doyle,

I have today astounding news that a co-worker of mine Sjt. Appasaheb Patwardhan, a C. D. prisoner in Ratnagiri Jail is semi-fasting because he and some other prisoners who were permitted to do Bhangi work have been suddenly deprived of it under your orders. My fear is that this order was a result of my having said in the course of our conversations that your policy was inconsistent in that you were allowing non-bhangi prisoners to do bhangi work in the Ratnagiri Prison and you would not allow it in this. It is difficult for me to understand why those prisoners who volunteer to do such work should be prevented from doing it. Surely you do not want forcibly to keep up untouchability in prisons when it is crumbling to pieces outside. Appasaheb is an M.A. of the Bombay University, is a great social reformer and a man of character whom any State would be proud to have as a citizen. Service of untouchability is an article of faith with him. He underwent a fast in 1930 for the above reason in that very jail. I had even then to intervene on his behalf. If I am misinformed about the present position you will let me know what it really is. If I am correctly informed I would ask you in view of the circumstances brought to your notice please to telegraph instructions that my friend and his associates may be allowed to resume bhangi work under whatever written guarantees as to its voluntary nature you may deem fit to take from them.

Though I am a prisoner, you will not expect me to see a comrade dying by inches, not for any crime, not for any indulgence he desires, but for

deprivation of humanitarian service for the prosecution of which Government have recognised the necessity of giving me special facilities.

Here perhaps you would allow me to remind you that during this incarceration and the two previous ones in my own humble manner I have on several occasions helped the authorities to preserve prison discipline. I mention this fact not in order that it may be counted as a merit. I gave that assistance as a matter of duty imposed upon me by the law of satyagraha. I mention it here in order that you or the Government may know that in relief about prisoner friends I am not guilty of any officious interference with the administration.

I am sure that you will treat this as a matter of urgency involving as it does the possibility of great damage being done to a fellow being under your custody.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1 101
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS
Bombay Presidency :
Poona, 29th November 1932

Dear Mr. Gandhi,

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 28th instant with reference to prisoner Appa Saheb Patwardhan.

I am not aware that this prisoner did ' bhangi' work and was deprived of it under my orders.

The facts are that he wrote to me asking for this work to be allotted to him and threatened that unless his request was granted he would deny himself certain articles of food.

I refused his request—

- (1) Because it was accompanied by a threat.
- (2) Because there was no shortage of labour for this particular type of work and volunteer labour was not required.
- (3) Because labour is allotted to prisoners to meet the needs of the prison and not because a prisoner demands a particular variety.

There is therefore no interference on my part with the question of the removal of untouchability.

I am forwarding a copy of your letter and my reply to Government for their information and any orders that they may be pleased to issue in this connection.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

To

M. K. Gandhi, Yeravda.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1102 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 29th November 1932

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

Copy, with a copy of a letter to which it is a reply and also copies of correspondence from prisoner Appasaheb Patwardhan and my orders thereon, forwarded with compliments for favour of orders.

This is direct interference with Jail discipline. Prisoners cannot be allowed to choose the work they will consent to do. I am afraid Mr. Gandhi is like Oliver Twist—he always wants more.

In this connection your attention is invited to Government Letter, Home Department No. 1633/3-C, dated 19th October 1932.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C 41/11068 of 1932
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 29th November 1932

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 45/11087 of 1932
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 30th November 1932

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1109 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 30th November 1932

From

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Sir,

With reference to your confidential letter No. C. 45/11087, dated 30th November 1932, I have the honour to state that Mr. Gandhi should be informed that a copy of his letter dated 30th November 1932 has been forwarded to Government in continuation of his previous letter and Government orders on receipt will be intimated to him.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
Lt.-col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Mr. Gandhi should be informed that a copy of his letter dated 30th November 1932 has been forwarded to Government in continuation of his previous letter, and Government orders on receipt will be intimated to him.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 30th November 1932

Dear Colonel Doyle,

I thank you for your prompt reply to my letter regarding Appasaheb Patwardhan, but I am sorry for the attitude you have taken up. Since the matter has gone up to the Government, I would like to draw their attention to the following facts :—

- (1) Appasaheb Patwardhan is wedded to the idea that he should work side by side with *bhangis* and it is most repugnant to him to have to observe in prisons untouchability which he does not do outside.
- (2) He had to fast in 1930 for this very reason.
- (3) I must adhere to my statement that Appasaheb Patwardhan had been actually doing *bhangi* work in the Ratnagiri jail, until he was stopped.
- (4) There was no question of his issuing any threat and in my humble opinion, statement of his moral claim and consequence of rejection of that claim should not be considered as a threat.
- (5) In considering a moral or religious question, the question of shortage of labour does not arise.
- (6) In my opinion it is unjust to say of an absolutely docile prisoner like Appasaheb Patwardhan who has been always prepared to do any task asked of him that he is fighting for " a particular variety of work ". He wants to do *bhangi* work in addition to whatever task may be given to him.
- (7) There are many prisoners in Yeravda, including us three, who are anxious to do their own conservancy work, and it is because you have not looked upon it with favour that I have myself remained silent and with difficulty prevented my co-workers from making it an issue of conscience.
- (8) As you are yourself aware the conversation about this matter and about hand-spinning by civil disobedience prisoners has remained in abeyance because of the more important matters arising, and absorbing my time and attention. But these two are matters of deepest importance to many of us.
- (9) With due deference I cannot help repeating that to prevent Appasaheb Patwardhan from voluntarily working side by side with his *bhangi* co-prisoners because he does not belong to the *bhangi* caste is a perpetuation in prisons of the bar of untouchability when that bar is being swiftly removed outside prison walls.

I would therefore implore you personally to revise the uncompromising attitude you have taken up and to let humble Appasaheb Patwardhan and his associates to do conservancy work. Believe me that there is no defiance in their request. Some of us who are convinced Civil Resisters leave our resistance outside prison walls and having entered them are anxious to carry out and promote prison discipline to the utmost extent that our consciences would allow and we do so in order to show that our resistance is always civil and never uncivil or criminal.

But if I cannot make you or Government appreciate this obvious and just position, I have with the utmost regret to inform you that from Saturday the 3rd proximo, so far as I am concerned, I must join Appasaheb in his protest and respectfully claim to do my own conservancy work, and if he does not get the relief, I must put myself not on reduced rations but on a complete fast. I would ask you not to treat this as a threat, but as a human being to appreciate the feelings of a fellow being. I have already hardened my heart, but I have not hardened it so as to see an honourable colleague wasting away in defence of a cherished principle without my at least sharing his agony and sacrifice. Believe me it is no pleasure to me to have to write such letters.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1.110 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 30th November 1932

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for favour of orders further letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to me.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Copy of this office letter No. 1109 dated 30th November 1932 addressed to Y.C.P., is attached to this letter.

Express

State

Bombay Home

Bombay

17994 May I expect early orders or an expression of policy in respect this office letter 1110 of thirteenth ultimo prisons

(Sd.)
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. 17995 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, December 1932

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, Bombay.

Copy by post forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Bombay

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Prisons Poona

Telegraph 17994 of today Government concur in your decision but matter referred to Government of India and reply expected today.

Bombay Special.
S. D.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS
Bombay Presidency
Poona, 2nd December 1932

Dear Rao Saheb,

I have given Major Mehta orders ; there is therefore nothing more to be done till I see you tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

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From

Home Department (Special). Bombay.

In connection with your 1110 of 30th November. Gandhi may be allowed to do his own conservancy work, if he so desires, but he should be informed that Government cannot accept his intervention on behalf of prisoner Patwardhan. Report by wire if he commences fast.

Interviews regarding untouchability may be allowed to continue for the present.

Send copy of part underlined only to Yeravda Central Prison, for information and communication to Mr. Gandhi.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

" Gandhi may be allowed to do his own conservancy work, if he so desires, but he should be informed that Government cannot accept his intervention , on behalf of prisoner Patwardhan.

Interviews regarding untouchability may be allowed to continue for the present."

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1115 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd December 1932

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and communication to Mr. Gandhi.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Express

Telegram

State

Bombay Home

Bombay

18068 Your 000 clear line of Second Fast commenced this morning

@@@ Understand long written protest against decision being submitted

@@@@ This will be forwarded on receipt.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

From

Prisons.

3rd December 1932

No. 18069 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd December 1932

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Copy by post forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 49/11149 of 1932
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 3rd December 1932

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to you. He has not had his morning meal and in fact has commenced his fast.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) N. B. MEHTA,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 3rd December 1932

Dear Col. Doyle,

At about 7-15 this morning Major Mehta handed me the following message : " Mr. Gandhi may be allowed to do his own conservancy work if he wants to. But he should be informed that Government cannot accept his intervention on behalf of convict Appasaheb Patwardhan ".

It seems to me that Government have not appreciated the position. The permission to me to do my own conservancy work is of little moment. Relief for Appasaheb Patwardhan is the chief and central thing. My fast began this morning as per my letter to you and I am sorry to say has to continue till relief is granted, to Appasaheb Patwardhan and his associates. It should be understood that they have asked not for doing their own conservancy work . but for joining the regular file and this they have done as a matter of sacred principle. Government should also know that it is not bhangis alone who are given this work but others described as low castes are compelled to render this service although they have never done it outside prisons. Reformers like Appasaheb Patwardhan who were C.D. prisoners in 1930 in Ratnagiri could not suffer the misery of non-bhangi prisoners being forced against their will to do the work and submitted to the authorities that they should be allowed to replace such men. This was in my opinion a laudable

offer which the authorities should have gladly, if not thankfully, accepted. It was a voluntary offer made to help the Government. Meanwhile the Delhi Pact came. The same offer was renewed this time and these prisoners, were permitted to do the work. Suddenly orders seem to have been sent to prohibit the work. Hence Appasaheb Patwardhan is putting himself on reduced diet. I ventured to seek relief as soon as I came to know of this tragedy.

Superintendent Jail, Ratnagiri.

Deliver immediately Gandhi's Telegram to Patwardhan and wire Express his answer and Report by letter present slate of health of Patwardhan.

Prisons.

In rejecting my humble and helpful intervention Government seem to have suddenly reversed the policy which they adopted as early as 1922-3 in connection with me and have continued ever since. When during my first incarceration in 1922 and that as a convict—I sought to intervene on behalf of two hunger-striking prisoners, it was first resented and then on reconsideration the Government accepted it. The then Inspector-General of Police who was deputed by His Excellency Sir George Lloyd to carry on negotiations with me and the Superintendent of this Prison thanked me for the happy result of the intervention. Two precious lives were saved and a beneficial Circular was issued by the Government as a result of my humble effort. In 1930 under similar circumstances the new Superintendent who knew little or nothing of the event just described of 1922-23 disliked my offer, but subsequently it was accepted by you yourself again with happy result and the practice was then established of my being allowed to see fellow prisoners for the definite purpose of my being able to render the humble office of intermediary between them and the administration. That practice has been continued upto now, not I hope with any unhappy result. Each time I have intervened, I hope the officials concerned will testify, I have done so in a helpful manner. It is therefore difficult for me to understand the Government without any apparent cause reversing this policy, and that too just when I have been obliged most reluctantly to embark upon a fast. I must regretfully adhere to the fast until relief is given to many friends and the human right of intervention that the Government have hitherto recognised is restored to me.

There is one thing I should mention. I am carrying on concentrated conversations about untouchability from day to day with many friends who come to see me. Just at present the strain is greater than usual because of the members of the Anti-Untouchability League being in Poona. The visitors are bound to notice the weakness that must overtake me even today and they are bound to inquire about the reason. I shall be unable to conceal the truth from them and yet I have no desire whatsoever that they should

know anything about the unfortunate contretemps between Government and myself. For I am hoping that the Government will recognise the utter reasonableness of my request.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

SECRETARIAT
Date 3rd December 1932

My dear Doyle,

Thanks for sending Gandhi's letter by special messenger. This has enabled us to post a copy to the Government of India tonight. I had already wired to them the contents of your telegram of today giving the salient points of the letter.

There are no further orders at present : the position remains as stated in my telegram No. 207 of yesterday, which was sent after receiving the views of the Government of India. They will have received copies of all the previous papers you sent by now and if we have any further message from them tomorrow I will wire or telephone to you. There may be somewhat delay owing to H.E.'s absence on tour but in any case I am not expecting change of policy.

The provisional plan is as decided on the last occasion, i.e. when Gandhi is in danger of collapse he will be released and removed to a private house in Poona without formal restrictions. I understand that Lady Thackerscy's house was the one in view last September, but there is nothing on record about it. Have you any views as to its suitability now, and do you know if it would be available ?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.

Your number 1110 of 30th November. Gandhi may be allowed to do his own conservancy work if he wants to but he should be informed that Government cannot accept his intervention on behalf of Convict Appasaheb Patwardhan. Please report by wire if he commences fast. Interviews regarding untouchability may be allowed to continue for the present.

It seems to me Government have not appreciation position. Permission to me to do my own conservancy of little moment. Relief for Patwardhan Chief and Central thing. Fast begun will continue till relief granted. Government should know that it is not Bhangis alone who are given this work but other described as low caste are compelled to render this service although they have never done it outside. Patwardhan submitted that he should replace such men. My opinion Government should have accepted this voluntary offer. Government have previously recognised my right of intervention. I have always thereby assisted Government. As interviewers will notice my condition and fast shall not be able to prevent it becoming public.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1118 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 3rd December 1932

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I am forwarding by special messenger the last letter received from Mr. Gandhi as a protest against Government orders conveyed in your clear line telegram of 2nd December 1932, for favour of any orders Government may be pleased to issue.

I shall be grateful if possible that these orders be handed to the bearer of this letter who has been directed to return to Poona today.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Continuation this office Telegram No. 18068 dated 3rd instant— Extract of Salient portions protest follows—Original Despatched by Special Messenger.

First of four parts 126 letters.

opmet cmrir rhii nifai yttrs aenea ntcsa leodo focto oipnv tolwa get of deesv eimtp omhit tnyfn
hsmta tenon mrtaa oceas eiwea lvpdl retpr rsng eonco dh.

Second Part 188 letters.

Gelnt ccshd uldgh rosae ifoaw eevnn giata eoebl oheer heswe nssbp reona eblda rteih twoto
uosrh snuic ahnks ceeni kiiim evtlh bvclat htlt oralc vidto ocrhn attog reeho lgwlo dlief evnee tdgtn
ttwuo tlder uanse iyisi stiss rtu.

Third Part 163 letters.

Dhyva vihho oerig asdnc fsoad ssitn eeaen hnryz nlico uteil gezet ytcut oortt uhshi nrmpn trrna
aupay ohvwh edupm nbeop eyiwe ethvg vhaah uovei burie flflp heova steta odgce srsma terit tmle
doy.

Fourth and last part 95 letters.

Esoai dwnbn vldtu eyats etboo Ineps itecn eserc liats rigia lgiwi tczoa pltmh nsinn btnfo baval ticzv triem sedoe.

Express

Telegram

State

Poona, 3rd December 1932

From

Prisons, Poona ;

To

Bombay Special, Bombay.

Continuation this office telegram number 18068 dated third instant extract of salient portions protest follows original despatched by special messenger first of four parts 126 letters opmet cmrir rhii nifai yttrs aenea ntcsa leodo focto oipnv tolwa get of deesv eimtp omhit tnyfn hsmta tenon mrtaa oceas eiwea lvpdl retpr resnng eonco dh.

To

Bombay Special, Bombay.

Second part 188 letters gelnt ccshd uldgh rosae ifoaw eevnn giata eoabl oher heswe nssbp reona eblada rteih twoto uosrh snuic ahnks eeeni kiiim evtlh bvdad htlrt oralc vidto ochrn attog reeho lgwlo dlief evnee tdgtn ttwuo tlder uanse iyisi stiss rtu.

To

Bombay Special, Bombay.

Dhyva vihho oerig asdnc fsoad ssitn eeaen hnryz nlico utel gazet ytcvt oortt uhshi nrmpn trrna aupay ohvwh edupm nbeop eyiwe ethvg vhaah uovei burie flelp hcova steta odgce srsma terit tmle doy.

To

Bom.bay Special, Bombay.

Fourth and last part 95 letters esoai dwnbn vldtu eyats etboo Ineps itecn eserc liats rigia lgiwi tczoa pltmh nsinn btnfo baval ticzv triem sedoe.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/52/11199 of 1932

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 4th December 1932

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that a press correspondent of *Free Press* came to me this morning and showed me a paragraph of three lines of paper *Maratha* in English saying that Mr. M. K. Gandhi has gone on a new fast and requested me to confirm the information which was declined. I am at a loss to understand how the information has leaked out. I immediately had a conversation with State prisoner M. K. Gandhi on this and he seemed surprised to hear it and he says he has not spoken to anybody about it.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) N. B. MEHTA,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

File.

(Sd.) E. E. Doyle.
Dated 6th December 1932.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/53/11200 of 1932
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 4th December 1932

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have already forwarded to you a health report of State prisoner M. K. Gandhi and in its continuation, I have the honour to inform you that I propose to shift him in the yard where he was kept during his last fast, since he is in a weak condition to make frequent journeys to that yard in respect of interviews with persons on untouchability. Your sanction to this proposal is requested in the interest of his health. This also means that prisoners V. J.

Patel and Mahadeo Desai will accompany him to that' yard as it happened during his last fast, kindly let me know if interviews on untouchability are to be still continued from tomorrow as he will, of necessity, in my opinion, will do so lying down. Today a deputation of 25 persons of which I informed you yesterday is coming to interview him at about 11 a.m. and he proposes to do so lying down.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) N. B. MEHTA.

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No reply necessary.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

6th December 1932.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/54/1 1201 of 1932

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 4th December 1932

From

The Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that State prisoner M. K. Gandhi commenced his fast on early morning of the 3rd instant. His weight on the same morning was 100 lbs. his previous weight on 30th October being 106 lbs.

He had incessant interviews all day yesterday till 5-15 p.m. with various persons on untouchability. At 5-30 p.m. his pulse was 72 per minute and of good volume. He had about 17 Ozs of plain water to drink—Soda and salt being omitted this time. He complained of weakness at the end of the day. He slept well and when I saw him this morning at 8 a.m. he was still resting

in bed, his pulse being 72 per minute. He says he is feeling weak and he looks so.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) N. B. MEHTA.

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

File.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

6th December 1932.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 55/11202 of 1932

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 4th December 1932

From

The Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency. Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter addressed to you by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi. He has requested me to send it to you today.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) N. B. MEHTA,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

I have been directed to inform you that Government consider the question now at issue an All-India one, and are considering it and all its implications but as H. E. the Viceroy and H. E. the Governor are both on tour in different

places, a certain delay is unavoidable. They therefore hope that you will not be precipitate in your resolve to resume the fast on Wednesday.

File.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
6th December 1932.

ORDINARY TELEGRAM

Appasaheb Patwardhan,
Prisoner Ratnagiri Prison.

Have learnt something about putting yourself on reduced rations because of refusal by Government let you do conservancy work stop on hearing this I began fast on Saturday suspended it Sunday pending Government consideration stop Government appreciate your point but they regard it all-India question therefore unable give decision off-hand in your and comrades case stop. They therefore suggest that pending consideration on all-India basis you should suspend partial fast and take full rations reserving to yourself right to resume partial fast event unfavourable decision stop. If I have understood your position correctly I regard Government suggestion quite fair stop. If you approve thereof please resume full rations and telegraph giving me same time statement your health.

GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1121 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 6th December 1932

To

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison,

*The Secretary to Government, Home Department, (Special), Bombay.

Copy by post forwarded with compliments for information in confirmation of the telegram sent from Yeravda Central Prison, this morning.

*Copy forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. 1120 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 6th December 1932

MEMORANDUM

The attached may be handed to prisoner Patwardhan and his reply forwarded through this office.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

Express

Telegram

State
District Prison.
Ratnagiri.

18156 deliver immediately Gandhi's telegram to Patwardhan and wire express his answer @@@ report by letter present state of health of Patwardhan.

From

Prisons.

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Dated 6th December 1932.

No. 18157 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 6th December 1932

To

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

Copy by post forwarded with compliments for information also state what " medical extras " if any you have prescribed i.e. Milk etc.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Express

Telegram

State

Ratnagiri.

Prisons Poona.

Your telegram 18156 Gandhi's telegram not received yet.

Superintendent,
Jail.

TELEGRAM

From

Prisons, Poona.

To

District Prison. Ratnagiri.

State

Express.

Poona. 6th December 1932

18228 Your wire Gandhis telegram to prisoner Patwardhan begins Have learnt something about putting yourself on reduced rations because of refusal by Government let you do conservancy work stop on hearing this I began fast on Saturday suspended it Sunday pending Government consideration stop Government appreciate your point but they regard it all-India question unable give decision oil-hand in your and comrades case stop They therefore suggest that pending consideration on all-India basis you should suspend partial fast and take full rations reserving to yourself right to resume partial fast event unfavourable decision stop If I have understood your position correctly I regard Government suggestion quite fair stop If you approve thereof please resume full rations and telegraph giving me same time statement your health ends. Expedite reply by express wire.

(Sd.) S. R. CHALUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

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Prisons, Poona.

Ratnagiri.

Your kind wire stop agree to postpone action letter follows health quite alright.

APPA.

Express	Telegram	State
From		
Prisons, Poona.		
To		
Bombay Special, Bombay.		
18229 conditions accepted by prisoner Ratnagiri stop last postponed both parties concerned.		
		Prisons.
7th December 1932.		

No. 18230 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th December 1932

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special) Bombay.

Copy, with a copy of the telegram attached, forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
Lt.-Col. I.M.S..
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Home Special :

Bombay.

Conditions accepted by Prisoner Ratnagiri stop Fast postponed both parties concerned.

Prisons.

Copy with a copy of the Telegram attached by post.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 59/11310 of 1932
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 7th December 1932

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a copy of the telegram received for State prisoner M. K. Gandhi from " Appa "—prisoner in Ratnagiri District Prison.

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Ratnagiri

Gandhiji Yeravda Prison, Poona.

Your kind wire stop agree to postpone action letter follows health quite alright.

APPA.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) N. B. MEHTA,

Major, I.M.S.,

Superintendent,

Yeravda Central Prison.

No. 18297 of 1932

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 7th December 1932

MEMORANDUM

In forwarding herewith a receipt for an express telegram sent by this office to the Superintendent, Ratnagiri District Prison, repeating the contents of the telegram addressed by Mr. Gandhi to prisoner Patwardhan on the 6th instant, the Superintendent is requested to send service postage stamps worth Rs. 17-8-0 to this office at an early date.

I am surprised that ordinary intelligence was not exercised in this matter and that a matter of urgency, which concerned both the Public and Government, was despatched by " Ordinary" Telegram. The actual despatch of which was delayed by at least six hours.

Under the circumstances Yeravda Central Prison must bear the additional charge involved.

I should also like to draw the attention of the Superintendent to the delay in informing this office of the reply received. I have returned already the envelope containing this reply.
Yeravda Central Prison seems to be semi-comatose these days.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Telegram from prisoner No. 1879 S. P. Patwardhan addressed to Mr. Gandhi, dated 6th December 1932.

Express.

State.

Gandhiji,
Yeravda Prison, Poona.

Your kind wire stop agree to postpone action letter follows health quite alright.

APPA.

No. 2210 of 1932
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON
Dated 7th December 1932

Post copy forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

(1) The prisoner weighed 98 lbs before commencement of his modified fast on 16th November 1932 and his present weight is 88½ lbs. His general health is good.

(Sd.) SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
9th December 1932.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 2223 of 1932
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th December 1932

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona, for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) SATHE.
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

No. 2225 of 1932
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON
Dated 8th December 1932

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 18157 dated 6th December 1932, I have the honour to inform you that no " Medical Extras " were given to prisoner S. P. Patwardhan as it was not considered necessary to do so.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

For information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
10th December 1932.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 61/11340 of 1932
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 8th December 1932

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith two letters written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) N. B. MEHTA,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 8th December 1932

Dear Col. Doyle,

A pamphlet published by certain prisoners recently discharged from Ratnagiri Jail has just been received by me. I enclose the original. I have marked certain portions and I send you for immediate reference a free translation of some of the most important portions. From this two things stand out prominently. Quite a large number of so called high caste Hindus were actually doing conservancy work with satisfaction, till the work was stopped under your orders. The party was organised and its work supervised by Appasaheb Patwardhan himself. At the time there were not sufficient *bhangis* in the Jail, therefore the so called low caste prisoners had to be imported from another jail. If this information is correct, it makes Appasaheb's case stronger than I had imagined. But that is not now of much moment. What however is clear to me is that this is a case which demands early and sympathetic handling. Could you please ascertain from the Government when a decision may be expected, especially in view of my contemplated fast on the 2nd January next.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Registered A/D.

No. 1132 of 1932

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 9th December 1932

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

In continuation of my D.O. of yesterday's date, I herewith send the originals of the letter and enclosures referred to therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1131 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th December 1932

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a long explanatory letter from prisoner Patwardhan to Mr. Gandhi—which I consider Government should see, before it is, with their permission, allowed to be delivered or withheld, whichever is considered expedient.

It only serves to confirm the view already arrived at, that the real object of Patwardhan was to effect an alteration of Jail Rules in respect of conservancy in Prisons—which is an all-India question—and in my opinion does not break new ground as far as Gandhi's fast is concerned.

I cannot understand how the prisoner states on page 7 that " since March last myself and many of my fellow prisoners were allowed to do scavenger work in this jail. In September this work was withdrawn from us." No permission was ever granted by this office to this effect. I shall enquire into this statement when I inspect Ratnagiri.

If Government decide that this letter should go on, I request that it be returned early so that it can be handed to Mr. Gandhi and its delay not furnish him with a new "*causus belli*".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1138 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE .
Poona. 10th December 1932

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

In continuation of this office Confidential letter No. 1131 dated 9th December 1932, I have the honour to forward herewith, for favour of orders, a further letter from prisoner Patwardhan to Mr. M. K. Gandhi and if Government decide that this letter should go on, I request that it be returned early so that it can be handed to Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

No. 1136 of 1932

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Please inform Mr. Gandhi that I have been directed by the Government of Bombay to inform him with reference to his letter of the 8th instant, addressed to me that as the Government of Bombay are not dealing with the matter themselves his request for information has been passed to the Government of India.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

No. 1137

10th December 1932

Copy to the Secretary to Government, S.D. with reference to his No. D.O. S.D. 7505, dated 9th December 1932, Home Department, (Special).

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 66/11375 of 1932

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 10th December 1932

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo. No. 18297 dated 7th December 1932, I have the honour to send herewith service postage stamps worth Rs. 17-8-0.

The telegram was marked " Ordinary " and as such, it was signed by you. so I took it that it was approved by you. The copy of the telegram is sent herewith which may kindly be returned.

The reply to the telegram was communicated to you on the phone immediately on my arrival at the Main Jail and I enquired of you whether a copy was required atonce and you expressed a desire that it might come in with other ordinary post and hence it was not sent to you in writing immediately.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) N. B. MEHTA,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME DEPARTMENT
EXPRESS LETTER

From

M. G. Hallett, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India ;

To

The Home Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

No. D. 10146/32-Poll,

New Delhi, the 10th December 1932.

1. The claim of a high caste prisoner to be allowed to do conservancy work in one of the Bombay jails as a result of the campaign for the removal of untouchability has been brought to the notice of the Government of India. The general rule in regard to conservancy and other menial work is, as far as the Government of India are aware, that it should not be allotted to a prisoner to whom it is really objectionable on the ground of caste. Such a rule does not prohibit but on the contrary makes possible the employment of a high caste Hindu on this work if he volunteers for it. The Government of India, however, recognise fully that two essential conditions of jail discipline are —

(a) that no prisoner can be allowed to claim a right to do any particular kind of work.

(b) that jail labour must be allotted to a prisoner at the discretion of the Superintendent, subject to the decision of the Medical Officer as to the class of labour for which he is fit. They also recognise that under

present conditions it is necessary in some are-is to employ on conservancy work low caste prisoners who do not ordinarily do such work outside jail, and the acceptance of voluntary labour to replace such convicts the voluntary offer being based as in the Bombay case on alleged sympathy with such low caste prisoners and desire to relieve them of a task to which they object might lead to difficulties and encourage agitation among the low caste prisoners against being forced to do conservancy work. On the other hand it is likely that this issue will be raised in any case, whether permission is or is not given to volunteers.

2.The Government of India would be glad if the Government of Bombay would consider the question whether high caste Hindus who volunteer for conservancy work can be permitted to do it or whether, having regard to the points enumerated above, they consider that the employment of volunteers, who will probably not be numerous, will give rise to practical difficulty in the administration of a jail. After receiving the opinion of Local Governments on this point, the Government of India will consider whether it is necessary for them to issue any general instructions.

3.The Government of India would be glad to be informed in your reply of the rules and instructions if any bearing on this point in force in your province.

(Sd.) M. G. HALLETT,
Secretary to the Government of India.

True Copy.

(Sd.).....,
for Superintendent.

CONFIDENTIAL

D.O. No. S.D. 7527
Bombay, 11th December 1932

My dear Doyle,

Will you please refer to your official letter No. 1131 of the 9th instant enclosing for orders a letter addressed from convict Patwardhan to Mr. Gandhi?

Government have decided that Patwardhan's letter should be transmitted to Mr. Gandhi without any delay, and I am accordingly returning it herewith for delivery. I am also to ask you to clear up as soon as possible the point referred to in the third paragraph of your letter, viz. the allegation that permission for scavenging work was first granted and then withdrawn. If you are not going to Ratnagiri at once, would you please call for a report in the meanwhile ?

We have retained a copy of Patwardhan's letter and have sent one to the Government of India, as the possibility is recognised that it may provide a pretext for a fresh fast or further demands.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL.

To

Lt.-Col. E. E. DOYLE,
C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.

CONFIDENTIAL
IMMEDIATE

No. 1145 of 1932

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 12th December 1932

From

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to a statement made in a letter addressed by prisoner Pawardhan to State prisoner Gandhi—that he (Patwardhan) and many other 'High Caste' Hindu prisoners had been granted permission to do the *ordinary* conservancy work at Ratnagiri District Prison, and had been doing this work from March 1932 till September when permission was withdrawn.

2. Will you kindly report in detail for the information of Government, if this statement is true. If so, who granted this permission and under what authority.

3. Also please explain the details of the work performed was it merely supervisory or were the ordinary conservancy utensils handled and cleaned by Patwardhan and his associates ?

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1146 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th December 1932

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information with reference to Home Department D.O. No. S.D. 7527 dated 11th December 1932.

I hope however to inspect Ratnagiri on the 17th instant, if nothing untoward happens here meanwhile. I shall then be able to interview all parties concerned and ascertain, as far as possible, the facts.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 7545
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 12th December 1932.

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1138, dated the 10th December 1932, I am directed to return herewith the further letter of the 8th idem from Convict Patwardhan to Mr. Gandhi and to request that it may be delivered to Mr. Gandhi without delay.

2. A copy has been communicated to the Government of India.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1141 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th December 1932

SECRET

MEMORANDUM

The attached letter should be delivered at once to Mr. M. K. Gandhi

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Endorsement No. 2218 dated the 7th December 1932 from the Superintendent, Ratnagiri, District Prison forwarding letter written by Patwardhan to Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

ORDINARY TELEGRAM

Appasaheb Patwardhan,
Prisoner, Ratnagiri Prison, Ratnagiri.

Have learnt something about putting yourself on reduced rations because of refusal by Government let you do conservancy work stop On hearing this I began fast on Saturday suspended it Sunday pending Government consideration stop Government appreciate your point but they regard it all-India question therefore unable give decision off-hand in your and comrades case stop They therefore suggest that pending consideration on all-India basis you should suspend partial fast and take full ration reserving to yourself right to resume partial fast event unfavourable decision stop If I have understood your position correctly I regard Government suggestion quite fair stop If you approve there of please resume full rations and telegraph giving me same time statement your health.

GANDHI.

This may be sent as desired.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C/72 of 1932
111435
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE.
Dated 13th December 1932

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Dear Col. Doyle,

I write this with the left hand in order to save the right elbow. I hope you read Appasaheb's letter carefully. It raises grave doubts in my mind. For the moment I want to make a very personal appeal to you. Have you not misled me ? I am filled with distress. If Appasaheb is right, you know that he and his friends were doing conservancy service. Could it be so ? And were there not many details which you knew and which should have been made known to me in order to enable me to come to a right decision ?

Your friend,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Time 5-30 a.m.

Dated 13th December 1932.

Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1148 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 13 th December 1932

MEMORANDUM

The accompanying letter should be delivered to Mr. Gandhi at once.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 13th December 1932

My dear Appa,

I have got your two letters. Just at present I do not want to deal with many of the important issues you have raised in your letter of the 7th instant, but there is one thing which has complicated the matter. The Inspector-General did not know and has even now no official knowledge, that you were actually doing conservancy work. The previous orders were therefore passed in ignorance of this very material fact. It is very difficult now all of a sudden to have alterations made simply in your case. After all, what you were and are fighting for is the principle, and the question of principle is now before the Government of India. It will be decided, I am hoping within a few days, certainly not months. For the present, therefore, I think that you should be content with the progress that has been made. Your telegram to me was unequivocal and therefore I think that you should take proper nourishment. Full ration does not therefore mean to me the ration as it is issued to healthy prisoners. For you to lose ten pounds is a big loss. I think, therefore that you should take the food that may be medically prescribed, if it is not otherwise forbidden food. The Inspector-General of Prisons has kindly given instructions, so far as I understand, that you should have the food that your constitution may at present require. I hope you have no objection to taking milk.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) BAPU.

Sjt. Appa Saheb Patwardhan.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1157 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th December 1932

Copy of a letter addressed to prisoner Patwardhan by Mr. Gandhi—the original of which I have allowed to go on forwarded with compliments for the information of the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Special.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. C. 73/11453 of 1932
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 14th December 1932

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter written by State prisoner M. K. Gandhi, addressed to you along with a letter for a prisoner in Ratnagiri Prison.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 14th December 1932

Lt.-Col. Doyle,

Will you kindly send the enclosed to Appasaheb Patwardhan ?

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1156 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th December 1932

MEMORANDUM

The attached may be handed to prisoner Patwardhan.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

No. 2261 of 1932
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON
Dated 14th December 1932

From

The Superintendent.
Ratnagiri District Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 1145 dated 12th December 1932, I have the honour to state that in March 1932 the number of prisoners belonging to the castes to whom conservancy work is ordinarily assigned was not sufficient to carry on the work in this jail. At the same time some high caste prisoners requested to be given conservancy work as their task. I consulted the Bombay Jail Manual, and rule No. 938 did not appear to prohibit this work being assigned to any prisoner who had no objection to do it on the ground of caste. I therefore decided to give conservancy work to some of those who had asked for it and thus save a certain amount of expenditure to Government which would have had to be incurred if low caste prisoners were to be transferred from some other jail to this jail.

About the end of May 1932, the Inspector-General of Prisons forwarded to me a quotation (copy attached) from a paper called *Swayamniraya* dated 14th May 1932 and called for my remarks. I replied that two prisoners mentioned in the quotation were given conservancy work at their own request. Thereupon the Inspector-General of Prisons asked me to reconcile this with rule 938 of the Bombay Jail Manual. I replied that the rule referred

to did not seem to prohibit a prisoner from being given conservancy work if he did not object to it on the ground of caste. Finally the Inspector-General of Prisons ordered me to refer all such requests to Head Office in future, and made arrangements to transfer some ' low caste ' prisoners to this jail for conservancy work. When they arrived, the ' high caste ' prisoners who were allowed to do the work were withdrawn from it.

The work of these prisoners while they were on conservancy work was not merely supervisory ; they actually handled and cleaned the conservancy utensils.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

The *Swayamniraya* dated the 14th May 1932 writes :—

Senapati Bapat and Mr. Annasaheb Sahasrabudhe who are at present undergoing imprisonment in the Ratnagiri Jail are given the work of cleaning the latrines. It is also understood that Mr. S. P. Patwardhan is asked to do grinding work.

IMMEDIATE

No. 18702 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 15th December 1932

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

With reference to Home Department endorsement No. 2098-3, dated 13th December 1932 forwarding for report Government of India letter No. D. 10146/32-Poll, dated 10th December 1932, I have the honour to report as under :—

2. The two essential conditions of jail discipline mentioned in the Government of India letter must be a *sine qua non* in any agreement arrived at.

3. The issue in respect of low caste prisoners, who do not ordinarily do conservancy work outside jail being made to do such work on conviction, has already been raised by the Backward Class Officer in this Presidency.

4. If certain definite and rigid conditions are imposed, such as those enumerated below. I do not anticipate that any practical difficulty in the administration of jails will arise, northat we shall be flooded with applications from 'volunteers'.

5. The conditions I would suggest are :—

(a) Under no circumstances should offers be accepted, when the 'volunteer' is a child or minor—and so legally not responsible for any agreement entered into by him.

(b) High Caste prisoners who 'volunteer' should record their desire in writing, and this document should be signed by them in the presence of one of the visiting Magistrates of the Prison, who before attesting it should satisfy himself that the offer is purely voluntary and that there is no question of coercion.

(c) That a condition precedent to acceptance should be, that the 'volunteer', outside prison, was a genuine and an active worker in the cause of the removal of untouchability.

(d) Once the offer has been accepted the prisoner concerned must do the work of conservancy in its entirety, at the discretion of the Superintendent, and will be liable to punishment for short task, as is the case with any other labour. Also that this labour will only be changed to another form either for reasons of health or at the discretion of the Superintendent.

(e) That no prisoner whose offer has been accepted can claim to live in any particular barrack or yard of a prison. This will prevent as far as possible, such 'volunteers' contaminating the ordinary 'bhangi' squads or files with subversive ideas. They will be housed where the Superintendent will direct.

6. One objection I feel will arise is that high class Hindus may object to their 'Class Brothers' doing this work, and may start an agitation alleging that this labour has been forced on certain of their members, as Government has sided with Mr. Gandhi against the orthodox Hindus.

7. Relevant rules in the Bombay Jail Manual are 378 (v) and 934 requiring the Superintendent to decide what labour should be given.

Rules 697 and 938 refer to the conservancy work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1163 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 16th December 1932

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay. Sir,

I have the honour in continuation of this office letter No. 1146 date 12th December 1932 to forward a copy of the report referred to therein from the Superintendent, Ratnagiri District Prison.

It will be seen that the statement made by prisoner Patwardhan, is therefore apparently true that he and several others had been doing conservancy work with the permission of the Superintendent from March 1932.

I shall investigate these statements further when I inspect Ratnagiri District Prison tomorrow and if any fresh material relevant to the case comes to hand I shall forward a report in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,

Personal Assistant,

Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,

for Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

O/C Signed by Inspector-General of Prisons.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 46 of 1932
CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Nasik Road, 16th December 1932

From

The Superintendent,
Nasik Road Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith my 38th weekly report in connection with Civil Disobedience prisoners.

The population of this class of prisoners today is as under :—

' A ' Class	1
' B ' Class	102
'C' Class	377
Detenues	1

' B ' Class prisoners 4498 Shankarao Deo, and 4285 Shantilal Harjiwan Shah, requested that they should be given conservancy work in jail, which was not allowed by me, and they are now sending petitions to that effect to your office.

Similarly Swami Anand requests for barber's work which was also refused by me. He is also addressing you on the subject of untouchability.

The general behaviour of these class of prisoners is so far satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) WICKHAM,

Superintendent,

Nasik Road Central Prison.

RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON

Dated 17th December 1932

Dear Sir,

Under orders from the Inspector-General of Prisons I send herewith three copies of statements of convicts confined in this prison, and taken down by him at the time of his Inspection today. These are to be sent to Government for the information of the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special) in continuation of Dr. Sathe's report on the subject and in advance of the report which, the Inspector-General said, will be submitted by him shortly.

The Inspector-General of Prisons came here with Memsab at about 11 O'clock and will be leaving about 2-30. I have finished here and will leave this tomorrow morning.

Yours obediently,

(Sd.) S. S. DESHPANDE.

To

Rao Saheb S. R. Chaubal,

Personal Assistant to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

Statement of prisoner No. 1783—Pandurang Mahadeo Bapat.

Dated 17th December 1932

I prisoner No. 1783—P. M. Bapat, started conservancy work about March 20th 1932. I did this work as a task. I stopped doing this work

about the 20th of May 1932. I was in no way forced. I did this work of my own free will. This work was given to me by the Jailor.

Ratnagiri District Prison.

Statement of prisoner No. 1874—Anant Vasudeo Shasrabudhe.

Dated 17th December 1932.

I prisoner No. 1874—A. W. Sahasrabudhe started conservancy work in April 1932. I did conservancy work as a task. I stopped doing this work about the beginning of June 32. I was in no way forced. I did this work of my own free will. This work was given to me with the permission of the Jailor, Mr. Josef.

Ratnagiri District Prison.

Statement of prisoner No. 1878—Sitaram Purshotam Patwardhan.

Dated 17th December 1932

I, Sitaram Purshotam Patwardhan started conservancy work at about the end of April 1932.

I did the work on Sundays only in the morning.

I stopped doing it some time about 10th of September.

I was in no way coerced to do the work, but it was at my own repeated requests that I was allowed to do the work. The permission was granted to me by the Jailor Mr. Joseph.

Ratnagiri District Prison.

List of prisoners who were allowed to do conservancy work in Ratnagiri District Prison (as per entries in their history tickets) :

Register No.	Name	Caste	Period for which conservancy work was given.
1783	Pandurang M. Bapat	Brahmin	25-3-32 to 20-6-32
1844	Vithal Mahadev Paranjape	"	5-3-32 to 19-4-32
1874	Anant Vasudev Sahasrabudhe	"	5-3-32 to 8-5-32
1878	Sitaram Purushottam Patwardhan	"	No entry in History Ticket
1865	Shankar Balwant	"	5-3-32 to 16-3-32
1980	Rajaram Nagesh Sarnaik	"	18-3-32 to 27-5-32
1982	Janardhan Vishnu Salkar (Released on 8th August 1932).	Maratha	22-5-32 to 23-6-32
1818	Keshav Ganesh (Released on 29th June 1932).	Brahmin	16-3-32 to 19-4-32
1983	Shantaram Shankar (Released on 15th September 1932).	Gabit	13-7-32 to 30 7-32
1976	Tukaram Bhikaji Kocharekar (Released on 7th September 1932).	"	13-7-32 to 7-9-32
1882	Gopal Pandurang Kubal (Released on 3rd September 1932).	"	1-6-32 to 3-9-32
1829	Bhaskar Rajaram Sukhi Released on 21st May 1932).	Vaishya	8-4-32 to 21-5-32
1815	Krishna Govind Mantri (Released on 29th June 1932).	Brahmin	18-4-32 to 28-4-32
1890	Gangaram Motiram (Released on 8th September 1932).	Vani	5-5-32 to 5-8-32
1842	Shankar Bhikaji Narvekar (Released on 2nd September 1932).	"	5-3-32 to 5-7-32

Register No.	Name	Caste	Period for which conservancy work was given.
1869	Balkrishna Sitaram (Released on 2nd July 1932).	Maratha	27-5-32 to 22-7-32
1814	Gajanan Sadashiv (Released on 29th June 1932).	Brahmin	19-4-32 to 31-5-32
1849	Pandurang Govind Patna (Released on 16th July 1932).	Bania	19-4-32 to 16-7-32
1850	Janardan Trimbak Chikhle (Released on 16th July 1932).	"	27-5-32 to 16-7-32
1846	Sadashiv Kashiram Chikhle (Released on 16th July 1932).	"	27-5-32 to 16-7-32
1870	Shankar Govind (Released on 19th August 1932).	Maratha	28-6-32 to 5-8-32
1845	Narayan Balkrishna (Released on 13th August 1932).	Bania	30-4-32 to 29-6-32
1866	Bhargav Mahadev (Released on 6th August 1932).	Brahmin	16-3-32 to 19-4-32
1883	Sahadev Sitaram (Released on 1st September 1932)	Gabit	13 7-32 to 1-9-32
1885	Shankar Sitaram. (Released on 26th August 1932).	Bhandari	27-5-32 to 18-7-32
1884	Kashinath Vyankatesh Dhule (Released on 25th August 1932).	"	27-6-32 to 5-8-32
2031	Savlaram Narhar Tendulkar (Released on 1st October 1932).	Gaud Brahmin.	31-5-32 to 5-7-32
1875	Vinayak Vishnu Bapat (Released on 29th July 1932).	Brahmin	1-6-32 to 22-6-32

NASIK ROAD CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 17th December 1932

The Inspector-General of Prisons.

Sir,

I understand that the rules regarding conservancy work have been relaxed.
I shall therefore thank you to permit me to clean my own night pots.

I remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
PURUSHOTTAM KANJI.
No. 4278 (B. Class).

No. 9034 of 1932
NASIK ROAD CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 17th December 1932

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons for favour of disposal. I am not aware of rules being relaxed regarding conservancy work being done by any class of prisoner.

(Sd.) WICKHAM,
Superintendent,
Nasik Road Central Prison.

NASIK ROAD CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 17th December 1932

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons.

Sir,

I understand that it has been decided to allow conservancy work to such persons as volunteer to do the same.

I am willing to do such work and shall thank you to instruct the authorities here to allow me to do the same.

Yours truly,

SHANKAR DATTATRAYA DEO.
No. 4498 (B. Class)

No. 9033 of 1932
NASIK ROAD CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 17th December 1932

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) WICKHAM,
Superintendent,
Nasik Road Central Prison.

NASIK ROAD CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 17th December 1932

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons.

Sir,

I understand that it has been decided to allow conservancy work to such persons as volunteer to do the same.

I am willing to do such work and shall thank you to instruct the authorities here to allow me to do the same.

Yours truly,

SHANTILAL H. SHAH,
No. 4285 (B. Class).

No. 9032 of 1932
NASIK ROAD CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 17th December 1932

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) WICKHAM,
Superintendent,
Nasik Road Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 1166 of 1932
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 19th December 1932

From

Lt.-Col. E. E. Doyle, C.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

In continuation of this office Confidential letter No. 1163 dated 16th December 1932, I have the honour to forward herewith, for information, three copies of statements of convicts confined in Ratnagiri District Prison and taken down by the Inspector-General of Prisons at the time of his inspection on the 17th instant.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

No. 1179 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 25th January 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Subject.—Allowing high class Hindus to do the conservancy work in jails.

Sir,

I have the honour to solicit reference to this office letter No. 18702 dated 15th December 1932, on the above subject and to request the favour of Government being pleased to issue orders thereon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON

Dated 27th January 1933

Revered Bapuji,

In my letter to you of the 7th December, when in obedience to your advice I suspended my partial fast, I had sought your opinion as to how long a leave I should allow myself in view of the fact that Government were considering the question of conservancy work. I had suggested two months, but fearing that you may think it too short, I had added "three months at the longest". In your reply of the 13th December you thought it was a matter of days and not of months. This led me to fix upon two months as the period of my leave.

That period ends on 7th February 1933, so that unless I am permitted to do conservancy work, or unless you advise to the contrary I propose to resume the partial fast on that date. I shall i.e. eat enough to keep me fit to take care of myself, but never more than half the prescribed rations [I may say for your information that at present, and usually, I eat every ounce of rice, jawar and vegetable that is issued to me and reject some of the dal (four ounces) that is prescribed].

Even in my last letter I had hinted that since my action involved no risk to life and was not intended to cast any slur upon Government but was rather conceived as a demonstration of the earnestness of my desire to do my bit to relieve the lot of my less fortunately circumstanced brethren, as

also to strengthen the hands of the authorities to bring about the desired reform, that action could go on unsuspended even while Government took their own time to consider the general question. There is no knowing how long Government will take to do so, and since it is now nearly three years since I began in my own feeble way to fight this injustice I do not feel like waiting any longer.

I may also repeat what I had said in my last letter that my minimum demand is such as the authorities could grant instantaneously without harming or displeasing any other party.

You perhaps need no assurance on my part that I do not propose to launch upon this action in a spirit of levity. I have throughout borne in mind all that you told me about our duty to observe jail discipline, about the 1st January 1932, when I saw you at Manibhuwan ; and I dare say that I have since tried my best to act up to it both in my own person, as well as in that of my comrades. The kind treatment that I have been receiving at the hands of the jail authorities also makes me still more unwilling to add to their worries by my own conduct.

Mr. Karmalkar, who fasted with me last time, intends doing so this time too ; and it is just likely that some more will follow suit.

I do not wish that you should risk your life or undergo any other form of suffering on my account or for a minor issue which you should fitly leave to the humbled ranks of your lieutenants. I even fear that you will expose me to public odium by making me the cause of any risk to your life. So pray, let me have your guidance and nothing more.

As regards my health and energy I was seldom better off than I have been during the last few weeks and have also been steadily, regaining lost weight. No milk was offered and none needed ; and I am under a vow not to take any other than cow's milk.

I also wish to guard against your receiving any hearsay or second-hand reports about my health and plans and hence I depend upon the Inspector-General to let me hold communication with you. This letter will also serve to inform the Inspector-General of what is passing in my mind.

Please give my pranams to Mahadeo Bhai and the Sardar Saheb.

Yours obediently,
(Sd.) APPA PATWARDHAN.

To

Mahatma Gandhi, Yeravda Jail.

Below letter dated 27th January 1933 from prisoner Appa Patwardhan in Ratnagiri District Prison.

In. No. 1963

Dated 31st January 1933

No. 170 of 1933

RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON OFFICE

28/29th January 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona, for favour of disposal.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

No. F. 161/32-Jails

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

HOME DEPARTMENT

From

The Honourable Mr. M. G. Hallett, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India ;

To

The Secretary to the Government of
Bombay, Home Department.

New Delhi, the 31st January 1933

Subject.—Prisoners—Allotment of conservancy work to high
caste Hindus—who volunteer to do it.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 2098/3, dated the 11th January 1933, on the above subject, I am directed to communicate the following observations of the Government of India. The replies of local Governments make it clear that rules in force in the majority of provinces provide for or do not prohibit the employment on conservancy work of prisoners who volunteer for it. In Madras alone the rule is so worded as to amount to a definite prohibition of the employment of high caste Hindus. Subject, moreover, to the observance of the general conditions mentioned in the Home Department letter No. D. 10146/32, dated the 10th December 1932, and certain other conditions which will be mentioned below, local Governments anticipate little administrative difficulty through permitting high caste Hindus who volunteer for it to be employed on this work. In the opinion of the Government of India such difficulty as is foreseen is based not so much on the inherent undesirability of such employment, as on an apprehended relaxation of the conditions mentioned above. I am to make it plain that the Government of India do not contemplate, and have never contemplated, any relaxation of those conditions. The principle that the allotment of prison

tasks must be at the absolute discretion of the Superintendent of the Jail, and that consequently no prisoner can claim or demand any particular task, is an axiom of the regulation of prison labour in India and is essential for the maintenance of discipline in Jails.

2. It has been suggested by the Government of Assam that it would be contrary to modern methods of penology for the Superintendent to allot to prisoners of intelligence and education tasks of this nature, even if they volunteer, since the main object of prison labour is the reformation of the prisoners, and therefore work should be found suitable to their education, qualifications, intelligence and aptitude. This point will no doubt be borne in mind, but it does not appear to the Government of India that it need be taken as a decisive ground for refusing in all circumstances to allow high caste prisoners to perform conservancy work.

3. The Government of India after full consideration and examination of the views of local Governments have reached the following conclusions. While reaffirming the principle that prison tasks must be allotted by the Superintendent of the jail with due regard to the capacity of the prisoner and the suitability of the task, and that this discretion must be unfettered, they are of opinion that it should be open to the Superintendent of the jail to allot conservancy work to high caste Hindus who volunteer for it, subject to the following conditions which they commend to the consideration of local Governments :—

(i) Volunteers should be employed only if the Superintendent having regard to the requirements of the jail deems it necessary to call for volunteers to be employed on conservancy work.

(ii) The fact that a particular prisoner volunteers for conservancy work does not establish any right to be employed in that capacity.

(iii) There should be a properly attested record of the fact that particular prisoners have volunteered (to prevent any subsequent charge that this labour is exacted from them).

(iv) Volunteers, to whom conservancy work is allotted, must perform that work in its entirety and for so long as the Superintendent of the jail may direct. (There should be no half measures, such as the combination of other employment with a little conservancy work).

(v) The Superintendent should have full discretion to discontinue such employment at any time.

(vi) Volunteers, to whom conservancy work is allotted, will not necessarily live in a barrack with the rest of the conservancy staff, but where the Superintendent directs. (It is necessary to prevent the possible corruption by association of the genuine sweeper staff with high caste volunteers).

(vii) Children and minors should not be accepted as volunteers.

4. The Government of India suggest that any applications by high caste Hindus to be employed on conservancy work should be dealt with on these lines. Except in Madras no alteration in the rules is required. In Assam the local Government are opposed to this employment on the ground mentioned in paragraph 2 above. The Government of India are of opinion that the conditions suggested in the preceding paragraph are adequate to safeguard the position of that Government.

I am to request that you will inform Mr. Gandhi of the decision of the Government of India as contained in paragraph 3 of this letter with the omission of the words in brackets.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. HALLETT,
Secretary to the Government of India.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 70 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 1st February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, for information and favour of orders, a letter written by prisoner Appa Patwardhan, at present confined in the Ratnagiri District Prison, to Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 524
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 6th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 70, dated the 1st February 1933, forwarding for the orders of Government a letter dated the 27th January 1933 addressed by convict Sitaram Purushottam *alias* Appasaheb Patwardhan to Mr. Gandhi (copy enclosed), I am directed to state that Government have decided that the letter should be withheld and to request you to inform convict Patwardhan that if he wishes to make any application in connection with the allotment of conservancy work to himself and other high caste prisoners in the Ratnagiri District Prison, it should be addressed to the jail authorities who will deal with it in the light of the orders of the Government of India whose decision has now been received.

2. In order however to save further difficulties and the possibility of Mr. Gandhi embarking on a sympathetic fast, I am to say that Mr. Gandhi should be informed at once of the withholding of the letter from convict Patwardhan and of the reply sent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 104 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th February 1933

From

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency ;

To

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 170, dated 28th/29th January 1933 forwarding for disposal a letter written by prisoner Sitaram Purushottam *alias* Appasaheb Patwardhan addressed to Mr. Gandhi, I am directed by Government to instruct you to inform prisoner Patwardhan that if he wishes to make any application in connection with the allotment of conservancy work to himself, it should be addressed to the jail authorities who will deal with it in the light of the orders of the Government of India whose decision has now been received.

He should also be informed that his letter referred to has been withheld by Government.
Please acknowledge.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 105 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments with the intimation that I have been directed by Government to instruct him to inform Mr. Gandhi that a letter addressed to him by prisoner Patwardhan has been withheld by order of Government. Mr. Gandhi should also be informed of the reply sent to Patwardhan.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 106 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th February 1933

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.

Copies forwarded with compliments for information with reference to Government, Home Department (Political), No. S.D. 524, dated the 6th February 1933.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Below a copy of letter No. F. 161/32-Jails, dated the 31st January 1933 from the Government of India, Home Department.

No. 2098-3

HOME DEPARTMENT

Bombay Castle, 7th February 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency, with reference to the correspondence ending with his letter No. 18702, dated the 15th December 1932 and with a request that he will be so good as to issue the necessary instructions to all Superintendents of Prisons and inform Mr. M. K. Gandhi of the decision of the Government of India as desired by them.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) D. O. FLYNN,

Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 230 of 1933

RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON

Dated 9th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to your confidential No. 104 dated 7th February 1933, I have the honour to state that prisoner Patwardhan has been informed as desired. He now repeats his request to be allowed to do conservancy work as jail task. I have not received any instructions so far, regarding Government of India's decision on this question. I therefore request you to let me know how to deal with requests from high caste prisoners for conservancy work.

Prisoner Patwardhan has put himself on quarter rations from 7th February

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,

Superintendent,

Ratnagiri District Prison.

No. 2027 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th February 1933

MEMORANDUM

The following orders have been laid down by Government for dealing with the requests of high caste Hindu prisoners who volunteer for conservancy work.

The Government of India after full consideration and examination of the views of local Governments have reached the following conclusions. While reaffirming the principle that prison tasks must be allotted by the Superintendent of the jail with due regard to the capacity of the prisoner and the suitability of the task, and that this discretion must be unfettered, they are of opinion that it should be open to the Superintendent of the jail to allot conservancy work to high caste Hindus who volunteer for it, subject to the following conditions which they commend to the consideration of local Governments :—

(i) Volunteers should be employed only if the Superintendent having regard to the requirements of the jail deems it necessary to call for volunteers to be employed on conservancy work.

(ii) The fact that a particular prisoner volunteers for conservancy work does not establish any right to be employed in that capacity.

(iii) There should be a properly attested record of the fact that particular prisoners have volunteered (to prevent any subsequent charge that this labour is exacted from them).

(iv) Volunteers, to whom conservancy work is allotted, must perform that work in its entirety and for so long as the Superintendent of the jail may direct. (There should be no half measures, such as the combination of other employment with a little conservancy work).

(v) The Superintendent should have full discretion to discontinue such employment at any time.

(vi) Volunteers, to whom conservancy work is allotted, will not necessarily live in a barrack with the rest of the conservancy staff, but where the Superintendent directs. (It is necessary to prevent the possible corruption by association of the genuine sweeper staff with high caste volunteers).

(vii) Children and minors should not be accepted as volunteers.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

To

The Superintendents of Prisons and Gangs,
and

To Yeravda Central Prison with a request to inform Mr. Gandhi of the decision of the Government of India, with the omission of the words in brackets.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 144 of 1933
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 9th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 112 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 9th February 1933

Returned with compliments.

Presumably since the attached letter was written Mr. Gandhi has been informed of Government's reply to prisoner Patwardhan and also the decision of the Government of India in respect of conservancy. If so, I have nothing further to communicate.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

No. 147 of 1933

NORTH YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Returned with compliments.

Mr. Gandhi was informed of Government's reply to prisoner Patwardhan yesterday. Government of India orders in respect of conservancy work were communicated the time today.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.

IMMEDIATE

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON

Dated 9th February 1933

Dear Col. Doyle,

Major Bhandari communicated to me yesterday the contents of the Government orders about a certain letter from Appasaheb Patwardhan addressed to me and withheld by Government. Not knowing the contents of the letter I can say nothing about it. I see in the morning's *Times of India* that Appasaheb Patwardhan has put himself on reduced rations. This has naturally disturbed me. I shall thank you to tell me whether there is any truth in the report.

Will you also please let me know what the orders of the Government of India are in the matter of the conservancy work by volunteer prisoners ?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 146 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 10th February 1933

From

Major M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S.,
Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi for you.

Government reply to Patwardhan's letter was communicated to him yesterday and Government orders regarding conservancy work for Hindu volunteers were communicated to him today.

He wishes to know whether prisoner Patwardhan has given up hunger strike or not and also whether he has been allowed the conservancy work.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major, I.M.S.,
Superintendent.

IMMEDIATE

Dear Col. Doyle,

I had hoped to receive your answer by this time (11 a.m.) in reply to my inquiry about Appasaheb Patwardhan. I would like you please to answer my query today and allay, if you will, the growing anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Yeravda Central Prison.

10th January 1933.

Confl. D.O. No. 114 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS Bombay Presidency Poona, 10th February 1933 Dear Mr. Gandhi,

I understand from Major Bhandari that Government's reply to Patwardhan, and Government of India orders on the subject of conservancy work in respect of High Class Hindu prisoners in jail have been communicated to you.

I have no reason to believe that under the circumstances Patwardhan will modify his diet.

I have had no report in this respect nor have I heard whether Patwardhan has been allotted conservancy work under the terms of the Government of India letter, the terms of which have been communicated to all jails.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.

To

Mr. M. K. Gandhi, Yeravda.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 115 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 10th February 1933

To
The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special), Bombay.
Copies forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.
State
Poona, 11th February 1933

Express Telegram

From
Prisons, Poona ;

To
District Prison, Ratnagiri.
2154 Your letter No. 230 of ninth instant. Such work may now be allotted under the terms of Government of India's orders already communicated to you @ @ @ Please report by wire if prisoner concerned given this work.

No. 2155 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 11th February 1933

To
The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.
Copy by post forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

STATE TELEGRAM

Ratnagiri, 11th February 1933

From
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison ;

To
Prisons, Poona. "Your telegram 2154 No vacancy in conservancy staff at present should I make one and put Patwardhan on."

No. 245 of 1933

RAINAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON OFFICE

Dated 13th February 1933

Copy by post forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. Confl. 149 of 1933

YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE

Dated 11th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison ;

To

The Inspector General of Prisons.
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a letter from State prisoner M. K. Gandhi addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay. Home Department for favour of disposal. Your D.O. was handed over to him.

I explained to Mr. Gandhi that Government of India's orders must have reached the Superintendent, Ratnagiri District Prison, by this time and action must have been taken on them. Consequently, there is no necessity for any further correspondence on the subject. But he insists that this letter must be forwarded to Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd.) M. G. BHANDARI,
Major. I.M.S.,
Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL
URGENT

No. 119 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 11th February 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, H.D. (Special) for disposal. A report was received today that prisoner Patwardhan had from the 7th instant, taken only quarter rations. The Superintendent, Ratnagiri District Prison had not then received the terms of Government of India letter in respect of untouchability. This has not been communicated to Mr. Gandhi.

Patwardhan can now be given conservancy work as a whole time job— whereas formerly he did only half an hours work, on Sundays and only as far as his own cell was concerned. I would suggest that this reply be sent to Mr. Gandhi.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.
YERAVDA CENTRAL PRISON
Dated 11th February 1933

Dear Sir,

On the 8th instant Major Bhandari communicated to me the information that Government had decided to withhold a letter addressed to me by Appasaheb Patwardhan. The next morning I saw in the *Times of India* a paragraph to the effect that Appasaheb had put himself on reduced rations. There upon the same day I wrote to Col. Doyle inquiring about the news and asking to know the orders of the Government of India about conservancy work in the prisons by volunteer prisoners. Not having any reply I sent yesterday a reminder. Since then I have a copy of the orders of the Government of India, but no reply to my inquiry about Appasaheb. For me the matter is of the gravest importance involving my honour. As a result of the protracted correspondence between the authorities and me there was a settlement about the subject matter thereof and at the instance of Col. Doyle I sent the following wire to Appasaheb Patwardhan on the 6th December last :

" Appasaheb Patwardhan—Prisoner Ratnagiri Prison.

Have learnt something about putting yourself on reduced rations because of refusal by Government let you do conservancy work. On hearing this I began to fast on Saturday, suspended it Sunday pending Government consideration. Government appreciate your point but they regard it all-India

question therefore unable give decision offhand in your and comrades case. They therefore suggest that pending consideration on all-India basis you should suspend partial fast and take full rations reserving to yourself right to resume partial fast event unfavourable decision. If I have understood your position correctly, I regard Government suggestion quite fair. If you approve thereof please resume full rations and telegraph giving me same time statement your health Gandhi."

It clearly foreshadows resumption of fast by him in the event of an unfavourable decision.

The Government will observe that any decision in this matter that affects Appasaheb affects me equally. As I read the whole of the transactions between December last and now in this matter the Government have recognised the correctness of my action. I hope that they do not now intend to revise their attitude and cut me off from Appasaheb. For the moment therefore I ask whether Appasaheb very recently has been on a partial fast and whether he and his comrades have been now permitted to do conservancy work.

Owing to the increasing tension caused by the report of Appasaheb's partial fast, I am requesting Major Bhandari if he has authority, or to request Col. Doyle, if he has not, to telegraph or telephone to the Government the contents or the substance of this letter and hope that Government will end the tension by favouring me with an early reply.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

District Jail, Ratnagiri.

EXPRESS

Your telegram reply is in affirmative at Report by wire express if normal diet resumed also state of health of prisoner concerned.

Prisons,

EXPRESS TELEGRAM

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
12th December 1933

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Prisons Poona

Your telegram 2154 no vacancy in conservancy staff at present should I make one and put Patwardhan on

Superintendent,
Jail.

EXPRESS TELEGRAM

State

To

District Prison, Ratnagiri.

2162 your telegram reply is in affirmative @@@ report by wire express if normal diet resumed also state health of prisoner concerned.

From

Prisons.

Dated 12th February 1933

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
 Personal Assistant,
 Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.
 No. 2163 of 1933
 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
 Poona, 12th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
 Ratnagiri District Prison.

Copy by post forwarded with compliments for information.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
 Personal Assistant,
 Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
 Bombay Presidency.

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

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Prisons, Poona.

Your telegram 2162 orders carried out normal diet resumed health good.

Superintendent,

Jail.

URGENT

No. 122 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th February 1933

MEMORANDUM

Please inform Mr. Gandhi, I have ascertained that prisoner Patwardhan has been given conservancy work and is taking normal diet. Also that his health is good.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector General of Prisons.
Bombay Presidency.

To
The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 123 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 12th February 1933

To
The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Special). Bombay.

Copy together with the copies of telegrams between this office and the Superintendent. Ratnagiri District Prison, forwarded with compliments for information in continuation of this office confidential endorsement No. 119, dated the 11th February 1933. forwarding Gandhi's letter to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Special).

(Sd.),
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

EXPRESS TELEGRAM

State

Ratnagiri, 12th February 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison :

To

Prisons, Poona.

"Your telegram 2162 orders carried out normal diet resumed health good."

No. 243 of 1933
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON OFFICE.
Dated 13th February 1933

Copy by post forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. S.D. 629
HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
Bombay Castle, 13th February 1933

From

R. M. Maxwell. Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your endorsement Nos. 119 and 123, dated respectively the 11th and 12th February 1933, and to request that you will inform Mr. Gandhi, with reference to his letter of the 11th instant, that information reached Government on the 12th February that convict Patwardhan placed himself on reduced diet from the 7th instant and that this action was taken by him before the orders of the Government of India regarding volunteer high caste labour for conservancy work in jail had reached the Superintendent of the Ratnagiri District Prison. Mr. Gandhi should also be told that information has since been received that convict Patwardhan has been given conservancy work and is taking normal diet and that Government do not therefore consider that any further action is necessary.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. M. MAXWELL,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

No. 125 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. Gandhi with reference to his letter No. Confl. 149 dated 11th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 125 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 14th February 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Yeravda Central Prison.

Copy forwarded with compliments for favour of communication to Mr. Gandhi with reference to his letter No. Confl. 149 dated 11th February 1933.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL,
Personal Assistant,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
for Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

For information

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
21st February 1933.

Below copies of an Express Letter from the Government of India, Home Department, No. D. 10146/32-Poll., dated the 10th December 1932.

No. 2098-3

HOME DEPARTMENT

Bombay Castle, 13th December 1932

Copies forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons for favour of report, and to the Commissioners, Northern Division, Central Division and Southern Division, who will kindly furnish Government with their opinion on the points raised in the letter.

By order of the Governor in Council,

(Sd.) D. O'FLYNN,

Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

IMMEDIATE

No. 3020 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE

Poona, 3rd March 1933

To

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

Sir,

I have the honour to request you kindly to let me know immediately how many prisoners fit for and usually employed on, conservancy work, have been relieved by ' High Caste ' volunteers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,

Lt.-Col, I.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons,

Bombay Presidency.

IMMEDIATE

No. 361 of 1933

RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON

Dated 4th March 1933

From

The Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison ;

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency, Poona.

Sir,

With reference to Head Office No. 3020 dated 3rd March 1933, I have the honour to inform you that only one prisoner usually working on conser-

vancy was relieved by a High Caste' volunteer, reference Head Office Telegram No. 2154 dated 11th February 1933.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) W. K. SAWANT,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.
No. 3223 of 1933

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 7th March 1933

Returned with compliments.

Please report details of all high caste prisoners given conservancy work and the total number of all prisoners employed on this labour.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

Below No. 3223 dated 7th March 1933, from the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Presidency Poona.

No. 390 of 1933
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON
Dated 10th March 1933

Returned with compliments.

2. After receipt of Government orders contained in Head Office No. 2027 dated 9th February 1933 and Head Office telegram No. 2154 dated 11th February 1933, two high caste prisoners have been given conservancy work. Their details are as mentioned below :—

Regr. No.	Name	Caste	Date from which conservancy Work Was given
1878	S. P. Patwardhan.	Brahmin.	13th February 1933
2003	D. H. Valawalkar.	Brahmin.	7th March 1933

3. The total number of all prisoners employed on conservancy work is 6.

4. Several high caste prisoners were given conservancy work at their request from March to September 1932. Their details are shown in the accompanying statement.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
Superintendent.
Ratnagiri District Prison.

No. 3623 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 13th March 1933

Returned with compliments.

2. Please submit nominal roll for post sanction of the two ordinary conservancy prisoners relieved by the two prisoners mentioned in your No. 390 dated 10th March 1933.

3. The ordinary prisoners referred to in para 2 above should be transferred to Belgaum Central Prison.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE.
Lt.-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.
Bombay Presidency.

Please return.

No. 404 of 1933
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON
Dated 15th March 1933

Returned with compliments with the nominal roll for post sanction of one prisoner.

The other ordinary prisoner was released on 22nd February 1933.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE.
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

For information.

Sir,

N. Roll kept for signature.

(Sd.) S. R. CHAUBAL.,
18th March 1933.

Details of high caste prisoners given conservancy work

Register No.	Name	Caste	Date when work was given	Date when work was change
1783	P. M. Bapat	Brahmin	25-3-32	20-6-1932
1801	Y. R. Tendulkar	Brahmin	1-6-32	5-8-1932
1814	G. S. Gawanker	Brahmin	19-4-32	31-5-1932
1815	K. G. Mantri	Brahmin	18-3-32	19-4-1932
1817	Abdul Gani	Muhammedan.	8-4-32	27-6-1932
1818	Keshav Ganesh	Brahmin	16-3-32	19-4-1932
1829	Bhasker Rajaram	Vaishya	8-4-32	21-5-1932
1839	R. S. Kerkar	Maratha	8-4-32	27-5-1932
1842	S. B. Narvekar	Vani	5-3-32	5-7-1932
1844	V. M. Paranjpe	Brahmin	5-3-32	19-4-1932
1845	Narayan Balkrishna	Bania	30-4-32	29 6-1932
1846	S. K. Chikhle	Bania	27-5-32	13-7-1932
1849	Pandurang Govind	Bania	19-4-32	16-5-1932
1850	Janardhan Trimbak	Bania	27-5-32	17-7-1932
1865	S. B. Divekar	Brahmin	5-3-32	16-3-1932
1866	B. M. Phatak	Bhahmin	16-3-32	19-4-1932
1874	A. V. Sahasrabudhe	Brahmin	5-3 -32	9-5-1932
1875	V. V. Bapat	Brahmin	1-6-32	22-6-1932
1882	G. P. Kubal	Gabit	1-6-32	3-9-1932
1883	S. S. Kharade	Gabit	13-7-32	1-9-1932
1884	K. V. Dhule	Bhandari	22-6-32	5-8-1932
1885	S. S. Kambli	Bhandari	27-5-32	13 7-1932
1890	G.M. Vani	Vani	31-5-32	5-8-1932
1976	T. B. Kochrekar	Gabit	13-7-32	7-9-1932
1980	R. N. Sarnaik	Brahmin	18-3-32	27 -5-1932
1982	J. V. Salker	Maratha	22-5-32	23-6-1932
1983	S. S. Keluskar	Gabit	13-7-32	15-9-1932
2031	S. N. Tendulkar	Gabit	31-5-32	5-7-1932
2033	R. S. Patil	Gabit	6-7-32	30-7-1932

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,

Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

Nominal Roll of Prisoners to be transferred from the Ratnagiri Prison to the Belgaum Prison

Serial No.	Register No.	Name	Age	Health	Crime	Sentence and date		Result of Appeal	Previous Convictions	Conduct and Remarks as to how often punished in Jail, and by what mode of punishment	
						Sentence	Date of sentence				
	H						Y.M.D.			Punishments	Conduct
1	2037	Kanu <i>alias</i> Pandu <i>alias</i> Dhondu Balu Mahar.	30	Fair	S, 379,	75, I.P.C. Rs. 50	2-0-0 26-4-32 0-6-0	Not appealed.	Three	7	Not Good.

No. 404 of 1933

RATNAGIRI DISTRICT PRISON

Dated 15th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona, with reference to Head Office endorsement No. 3623 of 13th March 1933.

The prisoner will be transferred to Belgaum Central Prison on 16th March 1933.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

No. 3869 of 1933
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' OFFICE
Poona, 18th March 1933

Returned with compliments.
Transfer sanctioned.

(Sd.) E. E. DOYLE,
Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Bombay Presidency.

Please return as usual.

No. 441 of 1933
DISTRICT PRISON OFFICE
Dated 20th March 1933

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Belgaum Central Prison.
2. The within named prisoner was transferred to his jail on 16th March 1933.

(Sd.) V. L. SATHE,
Superintendent,
Ratnagiri District Prison.

No. 2483 of 1933
BELGAUM CENTRAL PRISON OFFICE
Dated 23rd March 1933

Noted and returned with compliments to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Poona.
The prisoner in question was admitted into this prison on the 17th instant.

(Sd.),
Superintendent,
Belgaum Central Prison.

For information.

(Sd.),
29th March 1933.

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